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CHARTER TRUST SCOOPS A PRESTIGIOUS BIFFA AWARD

MEMBERS of the Cowbridge Charter Trust are celebrating success, after scooping a prestigious environmental and community prize in the Biffa Awards 2013.

The 'Children's Outdoor Story-telling Circle' project, run by the trust, was recently named winner of the 'Small Grants' category for their dedicated work to improve Old Hall Gardens by creating the story-telling facility outside the library.

As a category winner, they received £2,000 in prize money, and this has been put aside for further projects.

Administered by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, the Biffa Award scheme gives grants to environmental and community projects, using landfill tax credits donated by Biffa Group Ltd.

In 2012, the Cowbridge Charter Trust applied to Biffa for a grant to create the story-telling circle.

The project included the purchase and instal-

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

lation of a storytelling chair, and nine three-seater benches, which can be used as an outdoor classroom and meeting place for local children, parents and story tellers.

For members of the trust, the award is another step along a long road where they all feel they have made a real difference to the town.

Originally formed in 2003, to plan the celebrations for the town's 750th anniversary of the granting of its

Royal Charter (1254-2004), the 200 founder members had so many ideas that they decided to stick around and try to make them happen.

Trustee Alan Crossley was keen to make the point that the trust has been a trigger for a large number of improvements.

He said: "People forget that we started the Food Festival, and look how that has developed. In the end, it needed to be run as a separate entity, but it has grown to the point that it is

already ranked number three in Wales."

The trust devoted its energies to repairing the town's historic walls – and there is still one section, obscured by the old cattle sheds, that it is keen to complete.

The Physic Garden Trust is a separate body, although a number of people are members of both, and the effect that has had on Cowbridge is well documented.

However, the charter trust set up a sub-group, the Old Hall Gardens project, to improve the neighbouring gardens – and the story-telling circle is part of this project.

The driving force behind the Old Hall Gardens group is Linda Osborn, although she told The GEM that Richard Browning, a professional horticulturalist, was the leader.

In fact, all the volunteers bring something to the Old Hall Gardens project, and Thursday morning has become a popular time (starting 9.30am) for locals to come along and help.

Percy Robson, the treasurer, said: "Our oldest volunteer is 87, and she enjoys keeping busy here".

Richard Browning explained that the overall theme in the Old Hall Gardens is biodiversity, with the planting done to attract wildlife to the area.

This has made the gardens popular with local schools, who come to study the area and go pond dipping.

They also, not surprisingly, often take a break for a story in the circle.

Harry Hailes, another trustee, said that he had come across school groups using the circle on a number of occasions – sometimes for stories and sometimes simply for lunch.

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ABOVE: (clockwise from top right): Richard Browning, Alan Crossley, Harry Hailes and Percy Robson are pictured at the story-telling circle in the Old Hall Gardens.

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AS a non-aligned, community newspaper, The GEM aims to provide an objective platform for a lively but reasoned debate of local issues that affect us all, free of personalised attacks that obscure the issues, lower the level of debate, and insult the intelligence of our readers.

In an age of austerity, it is inevitable that as stringent economic measures continue to bite, the widespread social impact – particularly in cuts to local services – arouses intense passions on all sides of the political divide, as evidenced in our columns recently.

This is sure to intensify, with political parties already sharpening their campaign knives for the long run-in to UK and Welsh Assembly elections in the next two years or so.

It is timely then to remind all correspondents that The GEM is less interested in divisive 'blame games' and personal or party-political agendas, than in reflecting the genuine concerns and interests of the Vale community, as a whole, at a very difficult time.

We believe this is what our readers rightly expect from The GEM, which unlike others in the media, endeavours to be inclusive and impartial in its coverage, leaving them to form their own conclusions.

Our message is - Let's not get personal. It's the ISSUES that count!

Don John
Editor

Vale schools 'at a disadvantage'

THE recent inspection of the Vale of Glamorgan's educational provision by Estyn, the Government's educational watchdog, raises serious issues.

The report informs us that the Vale has failed to follow recommendations given to it by Estyn to rectify shortcomings identified three years ago!

The Vale clearly has not done its homework. This is not the good example it should be setting to pupils in its schools.

School funding in the Vale is another matter of concern. Vale Secondary pupils have less money

spent on them than any other local authority in Wales. Primary school pupils come bottom but one in the pupil spending per head league. English schools are funded on average £600 more per pupil per year.

Vale pupils are clearly disadvantaged regarding the purchase of text books and equipment. This longstanding disadvantage is unlikely to change in the current period of austerity.

A considerable improvement must be made if the Vale's Estyn evaluation is to rise above adequate, described by former Education Minister Leighton Andrews as "barely good enough".
Gareth Jones, Barry

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Cowbridge needs to grow, but...

'THE HOMES PLANS ARE OUT OF SCALE'

YOUR readers will be aware by now that the revised Local Development Plan for the Vale, published two weeks ago, shows a massive increase in the number of new houses in Cowbridge over the next few years.

It is proposed that nearly 400 new houses are built on the Darren Farm land and more than 100 on a site off the St Athan Road.

In addition, there are bound to be windfall sites that will also become available for development.

No doubt over the next few weeks, many points will be raised for and against these proposals.

At this point in time, I only wish to comment on their impact on the historic town of Cowbridge, once a small self-contained settlement that expanded massively from its medieval origins after the 1960s, since when over 1,000 dwellings have been added to the fabric of the town.

These new proposals will add even more pressure, because in order to service these additional houses and their population (who by definition will not originate from or work in Cowbridge), new

services will have to be grafted on, too. For example, another supermarket, a petrol station, maybe a garden centre – all located out of town on the main roads.

Among these proposals, there is already one for a new primary school for the Darren Farm site.

Cowbridge should look to what has happened to Bridgend in the last two decades for a view of its future.

Of course, there should be some housing added to Cowbridge: no town survives that does not grow.

Fossilising in the past is not an option, but what is now being proposed is quite out of scale with the historic nature of Cowbridge and its capacity to service such large scale increases.

R J Buswell, (Chair, Cowbridge History Society).

Solar park plan angers residents

IT SEEMS that the commercial viability of Solar energy has now superseded the need to sustain what little countryside we have left in Aberthaw.

The proposal to install a large solar park on arable land, close to residents, Grade II listed buildings and livestock, is angering many of the residents.

The residents have already been subjected to endless years of noise from the power station and now have to possibly become sandwiched between a solar park and a power station.

This proposed site on fields belonging to a farmer, is a special area, protected under ENV4 (Planning Policy Wales) to safeguard the character of the landscape.

In the rush to get this planning on the table,

the Pegasus group have not looked into the implications to residents of West Aberthaw and Gileston.

Whilst I understand that local authorities are under pressure to provide renewable energy, the Energy Minister, has stated that town halls are often prepared to "roll over rather than looking at the balance of community interest and visual impact".

This development is opportunistic in nature and the returns of renewable energy are limited.

Why destroy areas of productive agricultural land and blight the landscape, when a park like this could be sited on brown field sites within the Vale?

I think I can vouch for most people in West Aberthaw and Gileston in saying that we are very concerned about this proposed development.

Carol Harrington, Barry

Trying to trace an ex-RAF pal

IAM trying to trace anyone who has any knowledge of an ex-RAF pal who joined as a boy entrant at RAF St Athan in 1962 – in the 47th entry.

His name is Harold Jones (known as 'Harry'). He will be around 66/67 years old now.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of our graduation from training and we are trying to find as many of the old billet

as possible for a reunion.

Last year, a few of us met up in Plymouth, but next year we hope to have as many as possible attend.

I would be grateful for any assistance anyone could give me.

I can be contacted by email, phone or by post; kevinmonaghan856@btinternet.com; on 01670 828051, or at 10 St Johns Place, Bedlington, NE22 7HG.

Kevin Monaghan (known as 'Monty') Bedlington.

'WHY THE NEED TO CATCH AN EARLY BUS?'

FOR the first time in my life, I feel the need to write to you with reference to a reader's letter in your October 19 issue, headed 'Elderly are prisoners in their own home' from a W James, which referred to bus passes only being valid after 9.30am.

Firstly, I find the heading a bit dramatic, as pensioners are not prisoners – they can go out – it just means they are not entitled to free bus travel before 9.30am.

They don't have to get a taxi, they can still catch a bus, but would need to pay.

My second point, and the reason for writing this letter to your newspaper, is that the writer mentioned attending the doctors' surgery in Highlight Park before 9.30am and this is my main issue...why oh why do they need to get to the doctors so early?

Walk-in surgery is available until 10.30am in Highlight Park, so why can't they attend later and leave the early appointments for patients who need to get

to work? The same applies to Barry Hospital when you need to have blood taken.

I have noticed over the years that it doesn't matter how early I get to the hospital or doctors, about 20 pensioners have got there before me....

Why? They have all day to do this. I work in Cardiff full time and this can result in me not getting to work until mid-day, even though I arrived at the doctors at 8.15am (they open at 8.30am).

This situation I am sure is not exclusive to Highlight Park – and the surgeries around Barry need to address this, maybe making the second hour of walk-in surgery for pensioners and people who don't work; and reserving the first hour for those who do need to get to work (obviously exempting emergencies).

My mother is 78 and my mother-in-law 80 years old, and neither of them would consider attending their surgeries early for the reasons stated above.

It would be great if more pensioners showed the same consideration. A Thomas, Barry

'Please clean up after your dog'

IT IS UNBELIEVABLE that some irresponsible dog owners still allow their dogs to dirty the environment and never clean up after them.

I regularly walk over the Knap at Barry and am still amazed at the amount of dog mess on the causeway. This is also the case at the Waterfront, and many other places where children go in the town.

It is not only filthy, but a public health risk and doctors confirm that Toxocara worm – contained in dog faeces – can cause blindness in children.

It is the legal responsibility of owners to clean up after their dog. Recently, Cardiff City council fined an owner over £600 for not cleaning up after their dog.

Phillip Stansfield, Barry

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HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 24)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
17 Thur	05.41	9.6	18.04	9.9
18 Fri	06.33	9.8	18.52	10.1
19 Sat	07.11	9.9	19.31	10.1
20 Sun	07.47	10.0	20.09	9.9
21 Mon	08.24	9.8	20.44	9.7
22 Tues	08.59	9.6	21.21	9.5
23 Wed	09.33	9.4	21.53	9.1
24 Thur	10.08	9.0	22.27	8.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

'RUN WITH NANCY AND WHEN SHE'S TIRED, HOLD HER HAND AND RUN SOME MORE...' Now a top businessman offers that helping hand to CF Trust fundraisers

VALE businessman and Ospreys' director and shareholder, Mike Cuddy, is to support the Team Running With Nancy (TRWN) campaign launched by Lyn and Lucy Thomas, and their two year-old daughter Nancy, who has cystic fibrosis.

Over the last 18 months, The GEM has reported on the committed efforts of the group, taking part in runs and bike rides, to raise funds for the CF Trust.

Mike told The GEM why he was keen to get behind the cause.

"Nancy's a really special kid, but it's not because she's so cute she's off the scale, or even that she's like the best behaved two year-old you're ever likely to meet.

"No, Nancy's special because she has cystic fibrosis."

Talking at the launch of the new website he has had developed on behalf of the campaign, Mike had a marvellous surprise up his sleeve.

Nancy's Dad, Lyn, a welder at Cuddy Group, explained: "In May, Mike found out that

Lucy and I spend all our free-time raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and was quick to offer his support for the cause.

"One thing led to another and, during late summer, Mike decided that he wanted to adopt 'Running With Nancy' as the main beneficiary of his charitable activities for the 12 months from September 1."

Mike said: "While I will continue to support various causes as and when I can, both through the company and through the Cuddy Family Charitable Trust, it is the Running With Nancy campaign that will have my primary focus.

"Lyn and his wife Lucy, are quality, big-hearted people who have an exemplary attitude in their approach to the challenges they face.

"They and their precious little girl Nancy, are inspirational characters, and it is a real privilege for me to be able to help them achieve their goals."

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic, life-shortening, disabling condition that affects the lungs and the other major organs of the body. It clogs them up with a thick sticky mucus that can become

infected regularly, causing irreversible life-limiting damage.

Unless a cure for CF is developed, only half of the current 9,000 CF population in the UK will live into their thirties and forties.

When Nancy was diagnosed with CF, the consultant advised Lyn and Lucy that the best way to ensure her long-term lung health was to "run with Nancy, and when she's tired and wants to stop, hold her hand, and run some more".

The devoted parents took the advice to heart and formed Team Running With Nancy to enter races all over the country to fundraise for the CF cause.

Lucy said: "Lyn and I were thrilled at the news that Mike had elected to get behind Team Running With Nancy in such a high profile way.

"It has come at just the right time for us as a family and we are so very appreciative. We have two other teenage



As you can see Nancy is a bundle of fun and energy!

children, so trying to juggle all our fundraising and family commitments can be very testing!

"Having a large corporate supporter means that we've been able to draw on the expert input of Cuddy's Marketing Department, and everyone's been so dynamic in helping us devise a strategy for moving Team Running With Nancy forward.

"It also means we have someone there on

the end of the phone to give us some friendly advice and support when our batteries are running a little low.

"Yes, we're delighted to have Mike supporting us! It's made us even more determined that we won't be pushed around by our problems; we're going to be led by our dreams."

As Mike said: "Inspirational!"

For more information, please see: www.runningwithnancy.com



ABOVE:
The Team Running with Nancy fundraisers – Lucy, Nancy and Lyn – have been joined the local businessman Mike Cuddy (centre).

Local First Responders thank local businesses

COWBRIDGE Community First Responders would like to express a huge thank you to businesses in Cowbridge that donated so generously to help purchase vital life saving medical equipment.

Those businesses have been given a special sticker to display on their premises in recognition of their support for the work of the local responders for the benefit of the local community.

Cowbridge Community First Responders are local volunteers who provide lifesaving medical treatment in the critical time prior to the arrival of an ambulance crew. Thereafter they assist as required.

All volunteers are training by the Welsh Ambulance Service to administer basic first aid, oxygen therapy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about becoming a First Responder, please e-mail: cowbridgecfr@gmail.com

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WHAT'S ON - in brief

Art society

On Thursday, October 24, Cowbridge Art Society will welcome Josephine Lewington, who will give an illustrated talk on art in the National Museum of Wales, with particular reference to the Davies sisters' bequests.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge from 7pm-9pm and visitors and new members are most welcome.

For details of the society's activities, see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com

Library book sale

THE book sale at Cowbridge Library will be on until October 31, with fiction and non-fiction – all at competitive prices!

BIG SCREEN'S 10th SEASON

BIG Screen's opening big thank you freebie for regular members of the audience was Gatsby shown in September.

Now, the tenth season in Cowbridge kicks off with the usual array of great films: next Thursday, October 24 sees a financial thriller *Arbitrage* (cert 15) starring the ageless Richard Gere and Susan Sarandon.

Robert Miller is a successful financial businessman, whose wife and daughter want to take over the family business but his company's secrets

involving fraud start leaking out.

On November 21, is *Behind the Candelabra* (cert 15) charts the tempestuous relationship of matinee idol Liberace – an extraordinary performance by Michael Douglas – and his gay lover Scott Thorson played by Matt Damon.

For December its Albert Finney's marvellous portrayal of *Scrooge* in the film of the same name.

Tickets £4 in advance from the Town Clerk's Office in the Town Hall, or on the door. All performances start at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.10pm.

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WARNING TO DOG OWNERS

AS a dog-owning resident of Cowbridge, I am anxious to let local dog owners know of our recent experience.

Very sadly, my five-year-old labrador bitch had to be put down, after she suffered liver failure and seizures. Her condition deteriorated very quickly, and she was put down less than 24-hours after we sought treatment.

The vet thinks her illness was caused by an unnamed bacterial infection. I walked her regularly on local playing fields and around Cowbridge.

I don't know whether she could have picked up an infection from drinking from puddles or ditches, as she sometimes did, which could have been contaminated with bacteria, or from some other cause.

I would suggest to local owners that if their dog becomes off colour and sick without any obvious reason, they seek veterinary advice.

I would hate other owners to go through the same experience as we did.

Leonie Roberts, Cowbridge

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Group's award for work in community a 'huge surprise'



ABOVE: 'LET ME TELL YOU A STORY!'
A local school makes use of the story-telling circle.



ABOVE: Harry Hailes (on right) receives the award in Birmingham from Rob Jones of Biffa.

'THE MERSE' AT CHARITY LUNCH

A 'Christmas Cracker Lunch' with former England and Arsenal star, Paul Merson, takes place on Friday, December 6, supporting Velindre Hospital.

The lunch starts at midday and includes a three-course Christmas dinner, tales from 'The Merse', a live

Q&A, a comic, a raffle and an auction. The dress code is lounge suits and dresses.

Tables of 10 are available at just £500. A quantity of individual covers on shared tables of 10 are also available at just £50 per person.

Tickets from The Events Room are available via its ticket line on 0845 108 5690 (during office hours).

Vandals strike at local sports club

VANDALS have struck at Llantwit Major football club, which has issued an appeal to the public to help find the culprits.

The damage took place at the Windmill Lane ground late last week.

Club spokesman, Paul Lindsay, said: "The incident happened on Friday evening, October 11.

"One of the recently-erected dug-outs, that was bolted to the concrete base, was ripped out of the ground by mindless vandals.

"In addition, a concrete reinforced fence post at the ground entrance has been snapped off."

The incident has been reported to the police.

Paul added: "Unless, the perpetrators are caught red-handed, there is little the police can do."

Councillor Gwyn John said it was "disgraceful" that such an act could be committed



against a club seeking to improve facilities at their own expense.

Coun John emphasised: "Llantwit Major have progressed to the Welsh League, which has always been the aim of the club, and now they are in the Welsh League they must have the improved facilities to stay there.

"The council is not in a position to fund these facilities and the club has to do this at their own expense and look what happens.

"This is not the first time damage has been done at Windmill Lane, but it must stop now.

"Anyone who has any information about the culprits, or saw the action take place, should contact the police/

"If they do not want to speak to the police, they may contact me and I will forward the information - the club needs public support now!"

If anyone has relevant information, they should call the police on 101.

The concrete reinforced fence post at the ground entrance which was snapped off.

Magical place of ospreys and herons

THIS month saw Llanblethian WI on a 'journey' to the south-west of Scotland - to the shores of Loch Awe, and Blarhaur Farm.

There has been a farm on this land for generations, and they have converted some barns into self-catering accommodation which looked excellent.

Our guide, Mr Richard Marks, has been visiting this area for many years and has a wealth of knowledge, and an enviable portfolio of photographs.

The area is extremely remote with high craggy mountains, and the meadows go to the

shores of the loch - a feast to the eye.

This area is a haven for birds and wildlife - golden eagles and osprey nest in the craggy mountains, while wild geese, ducks, swans and herons swim on the shores of the loch.

This area has many dramatic waterfalls which are truly magnificent and Richard took us on a tour of some of the remote islands in the area.

The slides of the winter scene demonstrate just how remote this area is. The local supermarket is approximately 150 miles away.

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It was Mr Hailes who represented the group at the Biffa award ceremony. He said: "We really didn't think we were in contention, so it was a huge surprise when we won!"

The awards were held at the ThinkTank Birmingham Science Museum. The theme was 'Stronger Together' and sought to celebrate the people behind the projects that are helping to build and rebuild their local communities in these difficult economic times.

Gillian French, Biffa Award programme manager, said: "All of our projects deserve recognition for the work they do, but we are delighted for the Cowbridge Charter Trust on their success at this year's awards.

"Their dedicated work is not only improving the area, but

it has really involved the local community - inspiring volunteers as well as creating a fantastic experience for visitors."

For more information on the Biffa Award scheme, go to www.biffa-award.org

The charter trust volunteers are not resting on their laurels. They are currently brightening up the access from the High Street, and new benches will be arriving soon.

A longer term aim is to organise the repainting of the Old Hall - on the High Street side.

Alan Crossley added: "I think you can trace so many good things in the town to the start of the food festival.

"That was the case of a community group taking a chance on an event and proving it could be done. Since then, other community group events have come forward and organised food festivals, music festivals and other events."



ABOVE (left to right): Sarah Legg, Maggie Cooper, Laura Watts and Amanda Williams. (Photo by Mike Wilcock).

Business picks up retail accolade

A COWBRIDGE businesswoman is celebrating after taking a prestigious award - 'South Wales Retail Business of the Year, 2013'.

Sarah Legg runs Happy Days, a vintage home store in Cowbridge. She said: "I am absolutely thrilled that we should get this

recognition, not just for myself, but on behalf of the dedicated, talented, hard-working team who run the business."

Things have definitely gone well for Sarah, who is about to open a second venture, 'Happy Days at the Barn' in Ogmere-by-Sea on October 19.

ROCKING FOR YSGOL IOLO!



ABOVE (left to right): Kyle Davies, Jonathan Hill, Matthew Tune and Paul Hawkins.

TAKE a look at the moody musicians (pictured above) who make up the band 'Black Widow'.

Does the frontman look vaguely familiar?

That's right. It's TV presenter Jonathan Hill, and the band are headlining a fundraising evening for Ysgol Iolo Morganwg this Saturday, October 19, in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge (8pm until midnight).

The band was formed in high school and broke up when they were 15. Years later, to celebrate a 40th birthday, they reformed and they have been performing ever since.

BBC TV presenter Lucy Owen, who used to work with Jonathan, describes herself as "their biggest fan".

She told The GEM: "Jonathan is a brilliant lead singer - they do everything from the Stereophonics to Elvis, from Kings of Leon to Take That.

"I don't know how he juggles band commitments with his work at ITV Wales, and family life in Llandow - and to cap it all he's just had

his first book published - *The Pembrokehire Murders*."

Two of the other band members are also in the media. Guitarist Paul Hawkins, who lives in Penarth, is the cameraman on BBC Wales' X-Ray programme alongside Lucy

Owen! Matthew Tune is on drums, and is a producer at the TV company Boomerang.

School uniform is optional. Tickets are available from the school, and from Paul Hawkins (07900 182919), and at the door on the night.



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Race evening
GO along to the Red Fox, Penlyne, on Friday evening on October 17 for a fun evening of horse, dog and pig racing.

The event will benefit Guide Dogs for the Blind and entry is free (a meal can be ordered). Please telephone 01446 772352 for more information.

Autumn fayre

A BIG thank you to all those who contributed and helped to sell and prepare all the lovely cakes and gifts at St Canna's autumn fayre.

Hallowe'en
ON Saturday, November 26, a children's hallowe'en party will take place in the Treoes community hall between 5pm-7pm.

There will be a prize for the best fancy dress and the best carved pumpkin. All this for £1!

Overgrown branch

WOULD a kind, energetic Llangan villager cut back the low branch of the tree which is situated on the green in front of St Canna's?

It has become rather hazardous for anyone wishing to rest a while!

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BOOK FESTIVAL ENDS WITH A TALK IN THE BEST POSSIBLE TASTE!

THE last, but definitely not the least, event for the Cowbridge Book Festival's Autumn Series will be an evening spent in the company of the delightful and talented Genevieve Taylor, talking about her very handy book *A Good Egg*, at Ystradowen Village Hall on Tuesday, October 29 at 7.30pm.

A keen gardener Genevieve also keeps chickens, "the girls", and has been inspired to find the most imaginative ways to make best use of her hen's steady supply of eggs, as well as using as

much produce from her garden as possible. As an author and a food stylist, Genevieve spends her days creating, testing and writing recipes, for her books.

Her infectious enthusiasm for food that tastes and looks good, shines through all she does.

It has made Genevieve a firm favourite with audiences whenever she gives a presentation.

Genevieve aims for *A Good Egg* to be a useful addition to people's cook book shelves, packed full of recipes that both inspire people to cook and fulfil their promise of delivering something simple and deli-

cious to eat.

As part of her presentation she plans to do a bit of demonstrating as well as bringing along some nibbles for audience appreciation.

This is a first for the festival we've never had a taster before!

Don't forget, Terry Walton will talk about his book - *The Allotment Almanac* at the Cowbridge United Free Church on Tuesday, October 22 at 7.30pm.

Tickets for both of these events are £5 to include a glass of wine.

Signed copies of the books will be sold at a discounted price and there will be an opportunity to chat with the authors with a glass of wine.



ABOVE: Genevieve Taylor.

For further information including more detail on these books please visit the Festival website www.cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk.

All proceeds from



these events will be donated to The Noah's Ark Appeal Children's Hospital of Wales and Leukemia & Lymphoma Research. Tickets are available from David Barnes (Dry cleaners) 35 High Street, Cowbridge, Nickleby's Pound Field, Llantwit Major, or online from TicketlineUK 02920 230130. Or telephone 01446 774827.

SRC

Shop assistant was 'terrified' by knifepoint robber - court told

A SHOP assistant was terrified when a man armed with a knife tried to carry out a robbery.

As a result, Karamjit Gill (53) had been traumatised and her self-confidence undermined, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

The court was told that shortly before, catering worker Keiron Fitzpatrick had got up and decided to commit crime.

Fitzpatrick, of Holton Road, Barry, was jailed for three and a half years after admitting charges of attempted robbery and possessing an offensive weapon.

Judge Eleri Rees told him: "This was something you planned because you were desperate for money for food."

"Here was a woman on her own in a shop. Corner shops provide a valuable service to the local community. They are often targets."

"This was a shocking incident and it has affected the victim's confidence badly."

She described

Report by AJ SICLUNA

Fitzpatrick as "a violent man, capable of violence".

Prosecutor Jason Howells said the incident, which lasted about 90 seconds, was captured on closed circuit television.

On August 17, he said, Mrs Gill was in the Premier store, Holton Road, where she had worked for seven years, putting magazines into newspapers, when she became aware of Fitzpatrick standing next to her.

"He told her to lock the door and she saw that he was holding a knife. They went behind the counter and he took the till keys. She pressed a panic alarm button and when he asked her if she had done that, denied it."

Mr Howells said he threatened to kill her and the knife was put close to her stomach. He took her mobile phone and left.

Later, Mrs Gill described him, saying she could only see his eyes.

She said she was mentally affected and throughout believed he would have harmed her.

As a result, said Mr Howells, she had wanted to leave the Barry area and return to her family in Leicester.

Police arrived at the

shop within minutes, and a knife was found in the vicinity. Fitzpatrick was arrested on September 10 at his home near the shop.

He admitted committing the offence.

He told the officers he had woken up that morning intending to commit crime.

He denied pointing the knife towards her stomach and said he felt stupid because he had let his family down.

The reason for his behaviour, he continued, was because he had not eaten for two days.

He was said to have convictions for 13 offences, including assault, affray, possessing an offensive weapon, causing actual bodily harm and drugs offences.

On one occasion, said Mr Howells, the victim of the assault had been his partner whom he had kicked to the head while holding a knife. She was also cut on her back with a meat cleaver.

His barrister, Nicholas Gareth Jones, said he had written a letter expressing his remorse.

"It has to be accepted this is a serious case, though there was no actual violence, no physical injury and nothing was stolen."

"As soon as his bluff was called, he fled. He had been released from prison shortly before and had no money."

FERGUSON CLUB PHOTO WINNERS



RIGHT: The winning photo.

DURING the Fergusson European Ploughing Championship for T20s held at Gileston Farm on September 8, the club held a photographic competition, open to everyone who wanted to have a go.

There were 12 entries. On October 1, the entries were judged and the winners of the three trophies on offer were: 1st, *Chains and Shackles* - by John Finch; 2nd, *The large and the small* - by Andy Ford; 3rd, *The plough* - by John Finch.

STRUTTING ON THE CATWALK!

THE catwalks of Paris and Milan, London and New York, have nothing on St Brides Major!

Local "couturier" Samantha B put on an extensive fashion show at the monthly meeting of Southerndown WI, open to guests and visitors.

Compered by Samantha herself, the show offered a range of formal/informal, indoor/outdoor, dressy/casual clothes all modelled by local mem-

ber. Six ladies strutted their stuff with aplomb and the collection included something for everyone.

Proceeds were in aid of SWI charity Coastwatch.

The next meeting will be held at St Brides Major church hall at 7.15pm on November 14 and will be a Christmas craft and decorating evening.

The Christmas dinner will take place at The Farmhouse, Ogmore on December 5.

A good read for a winter's evening!

THE London publishing houses may have looked on October 10 as their big day to launch their Christmas block-busters, but Llantwit Major Local History Society got in before them - by launching their latest volume at their monthly meeting on the Wednesday before.

'Llantwit Major Aspects of its History Volume 13' follows the now familiar format of a number of articles based on research carried out by society members, or from material held in the society's archives.

This volume has very much a military flavour to it with articles covering both World Wars, as well as the activities of the volunteer force which flourished during the Edwardian period.

The society holds a number of documents detailing the plans for the defence of the area had an invasion taken place during World War Two.

These rare resources have been used by Jonathan Berry of CADW for his article, which is part of a wider research project. This is supplemented by John Morgan's memories of the coastal Vale in wartime.

Family history can often reveal aspects of local history which have been easily overlooked. Brenda Youde's interest in her family has led to her uncovering the story of the

Llantwit Major Volunteers, who flourished in the later Victorian and Edwardian period before the Territorial Army was created.

A century has passed since the world was plunged into the "war to end all wars".

Llantwit, like thousands of communities, has in its midst a memorial to those who lost their lives during World War One, but what was the story behind each of the names carved there? I have attempted to answer that question.

Steven George reminds us of the dangers of the coastal Vale, mirrored by some of the incidents recorded in the log books of Marcross and St Donat's School.

The remaining articles, based on recordings or documents held by the society, deal with life at the beginning of the twentieth century, a life that was largely destroyed by the Great War.

Copies are available at the usual outlets, ie all good book shops or from the Society at the Archive Room, The Old School, which is open every Friday afternoon from 2pm-4pm.

Further information about the Society can be found on its web-site www.llantwitmajorhistorysociety.co.uk.

NIGEL WILLIAMS

Nearly new sale

CYLCH Meithrin Llanilltud Fawr will hold a nearly new sale on Saturday, October 19, from 10am to 11.30am in Llantwit Major Rugby Club, Boverton Road.

£1 per family donation; top quality, toys, equipment and maternity wear at bargain prices; email cylch@hotmail.co.uk

Macmillan's local coffee mornings

A very successful Macmillan coffee morning was held at the Fox and Hounds, St Brides, which raised over £700 for the charity.

Ogmore-by-Sea residents also held their coffee morning for the charity, demonstrating a strong community spirit for such a worthy cause.

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LLANTWIT PUPILS SEND MESSAGES TO THE MOON!



ON Monday, October 7, 25 lucky year-7 pupils from Llantwit Major Comprehensive School were given an opportunity to join a select group of human beings – which at present only includes the Queen, John F Kennedy, and a handful of astronauts – in having their ideas launched to the moon!

The project, set up in partnership with the International Space School Educational Trust and the local joint education service, will be launching the messages of 250 pupils from south Wales on

NASA's sun jammer mission in 2014.

To complete their 'messages to the moon', students were invited to a one-day conference at Cardiff City Stadium, where they had the opportunity to listen to a lecture delivered by British-born NASA astronaut Michael Foale, before spending an hour devising the messages they wished to send into space.

The pupils composed a variety of excellent messages and are now eagerly awaiting confirmation next year that their messages will be winging their way into space.

Bird's Eye view around Llantwit

AT the October meeting of the Boverton WI, members were entertained by Chris Young of the Llantwit Major Historical Society, who brought along aerial views of Llantwit Major,

Boverton and the surrounding areas.

It was interesting to see the changes that have taken place over the decades, from the 1930s to the present day.

The photographs ranged from a thatched cottage situated on Millay Corner, caravans at the Colhuw Valley, views of the agricultural land before the various housing developments of the 1960s and 1970s – and also how small pockets of land around the old town have been infilled with housing.

Some members were taken down memory lane as they were able to recollect certain areas before the new developments had taken place.

Forthcoming events include the autumn council meeting in Port Talbot on November 4 when nine members will be attending; a day trip to Bristol on the November 9 and also members will be present at the Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11. Preliminary plans are in hand for various events that are proposed for 2014.

The raffle prizes this month were won by Marlene Wheldon and Anne Fry, and the competition winner 'a Llantwit Memory' was won by Joan Davies which was a photograph of her great-grandfather travelling along Commercial Street, with his pony, taken in the 1930s.

The next meeting will be held on November 14 at the Llantwit Hall.



ABOVE: Star of the show Miss Tina Sparkle (centre) with revellers at the Farmers Arms.

Pub's fundraising night nets £1,000 for two charities

STAFF at the Farmers Arms in St Bride's Major are saying a big 'thank you' to customers and supporters who helped raise £1,000 for the charities, LATCH and the British Lung Foundation.

The pub managers, Kristian and Emma, told The GEM: "We raised £1,000 through a comedy drag

evening with a two-course dinner, followed by a disco.

"The evening went down really well with everyone and we're looking forward to welcoming Miss Tina Sparkle back again on December 12 for her Christmas show.

"We just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who attended and supported us. Thanks also go to all the staff at Mason and Chambers of Bridgend for their kind donations".

RIGHT: Dave Moll (The Old Swan) is presented with a copy of the Good Beer Guide by Gerwyn Thomas.



Llantwit gets the good beer accolade

LOCAL beer lovers are celebrating the fact that Llantwit Major has just had three pubs included in the 2014 CAMRA Good Beer Guide (GBG).

Gerwyn Thomas, the secretary of CAMRA in the Vale and Bridgend, told The GEM that John Chapman, the former branch chairman, couldn't remember such an event before, and he started in CAMRA in 1992.

The Kings Head, The Old Swan and The White Hart were voted in by members of CAMRA, who anonymously visit pubs throughout the year.

They vote on the consistency of the beer quality and, of all the pubs and clubs in the Vale and Bridgend county borough, just 23 were included in this year's GBG.

Scott Buckley of the Kings Head was delighted and the pub has now entered a select band that have been included in the guide for 15 consecutive years.

Scott, of course, helped his Dad, Tony, to run the pub before gradually taking over to manage it on his own. Dave Moll, a manager

at the Old Swan, had to change out of his chef's coveralls to receive the GBG inclusion pack from branch secretary, Gerwyn Thomas.

Graham Morgan of the White Hart has returned to the pub trade just four years ago and confessed that the pub's inclusion was a little unexpected.

Those who have been around for a while might remember that Graham was the first landlord in the area to have won the CAMRA pub-of-the-year accolade three years running, when he

ran the Three Horseshoes in Marcross many years ago.

Gerwyn Thomas said: "For real ale drinkers, the area in and around Llantwit Major is a little bit of heaven.

"Also included in the GBG for 2014 are the Boverton Castle, the Blacksmiths Arms in Llanmaes, the Plough & Harrow in Monknash and the Blue Anchor in East Aberthaw.

To find out more about the local CAMRA group, visit www.vog-camra.org.uk

Cowbridge theatre's non-musical drama!

THE play that was developed into *Blood Brothers*, the award-winning musical, will be performed at Cowbridge's Market Theatre over four nights, October 23-26.

Market Theatre is the official home of CADS, the Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society and this is their annual autumn production; CADS hope it will introduce more theatre fans to Market Theatre. Doors

open at 7pm, leaving time for drinks at the bar before the curtain goes up at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £6.50 from WG Davies Newsagents, 38 Cowbridge High Street, or on the door.

CADS is currently seeking more members to take part on stage and behind the scenes.

To find out more, go to www.market-theatre.com or telephone Caron on 07899 664528, or come to the next clubnight in the theatre on November 8 at 7.30pm.



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Do we need another 9,900 houses in Vale? A councillor says 'it is too many...'

A leading Plaid Cymru councillor in the Vale has claimed that the council's new Local Development Plan (LDP) overestimates the county's housing need by up to 3,500 houses.

That is more than a third of the 9,900 houses that would be built under the plans, which if approved will be the official planning document from 2011 until 2026.

The LDP had been anxiously awaited in the towns of the Vale, but also in villages and hamlets, with residents keen to see what sort of changes might take place in their communities over the next 13 or so years.

People in outlying areas have complained that more houses would mean green fields disappearing and more cars, and that their local infrastructure would be unable to cope.

In built-up areas like Penarth, Barry and Dinas Powys some residents stress

they don't want to lose open areas to more houses and flats.

TARGET

Coun Ian Johnson claims that estimates for the Vale's population and household projections underpinning the numbers are out of date, and that more recently published information – and new information due to be released later this year – would substantially reduce the targets.

The Vale's LDP will be discussed by councillors next Wednesday, October 23. They will decide whether or not to give the approval for it to go to public consultation in November.

Coun Johnson said: "I have long argued that the Vale's population is growing at a slower rate than earlier estimates believed."

"This has now been agreed by the Welsh Government, which has substantially downgraded its population growth figures over the summer."

"What was originally an estimate for 143,500 people in the Vale by 2026 has

by GEM REPORTERS

now become 132,500 – around 11,000 fewer people, and a population increase of 6,000 people between 2011 and 2026.

"The target number of houses being built has not been changed and still stands at 9,900 for the period between 2011 and 2026."

"The Vale Council cabinet says that these new houses are needed because of the household projections, which means the average number of people in each house."

"However, estimates on the number of people living in each house have also been shown by the 2011 census to be substantially different from the reality."

"There is a trend for fewer people to be living under the same roof, so between 2001 and 2011 the average went from 2.41 to 2.32 people per household."

"However, the estimate for 2011 was an average of 2.27 people in each house."

"A difference of 0.05 may not look like

much, but in practice this is a difference of several thousand houses in the Vale."

"If this trend continues at the same pace, then by 2026 the average house would have around 2.18 people living there rather than the estimate of 2.13 currently being used."

"Basically, the estimated figures being used in calculations assumed that more people would live in the Vale and they would live in smaller households."

INFLATED

Coun Johnson argues that the result of this is that the new 'housing need' has been substantially inflated.

He explained: "The Vale had 53,500 houses at the time of the 2011 census. Adding 9,900, as intended, would mean 63,400 houses."

"However, bearing in mind that around 2,000 people live in shared accommodation, such as nursing homes, then having lower population growth and larger households than anticipated mean that the Vale's housing need by 2026 should be

for around 59,900 houses – 3,500 fewer units than we are planning to build."

Coun Johnson said he had doubts as to whether the LDP train should be leaving the station, when more useful information was on the way.

"The Welsh Government is publishing its own revised household projections within weeks so it makes no sense to rush through a Local Development Plan which is based on data that is already well out of date."

Coun Johnson said he would have liked to have seen the Vale cabinet wait for the new figures before publishing the LDP.

"Right now, it is farcical to expect the public to give an informed opinion when newer data could mean a very different LDP as we try to ensure the right amount of housing in the Vale."

Coun Johnson welcomed the fact that Weycock Cross had been removed from the plans, and said ensuring the right supply of affordable housing in the Vale and a successful conclusion to the development at Barry Waterfront was crucial.

Local hunter trials attract 200 horses



Bradley Gibbs receives the Open trophy from organiser Terry Edgell.



Morgan Edwards from Colwinston, on Rosie.

RIGHT: A delighted Russell Pritchard won the challenge picture for the highest-placed Glamorgan member in the Open.



THE Glamorgan Hunter Trials held at Alps Park, Wenvoe were a great success with more than 200 horses and ponies competing over a cleverly redesigned cross-country course and classes ranging from Minimus to a very hairy Open.

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WHAT'S ON - in brief

Family fayre

THERE will be a 'Universal Angel Star Alternative Family Fun Fayre' this Saturday (October 19) in St Athan Community Centre.

It will feature assorted craft stalls, children's entertainment, holistic therapist, assorted spiritual readers and beauticians.

Entrance fee is £1 for adults, children free, 11am-5pm for families; 6pm-9pm adults only.

All money from the raffle is in aid of the 'Raise a Smile for Harry' charity.

Book sale

A SECONDHAND book sale takes place on Saturday, October 26 (10.30am-3.30pm) in the Scout Hall, Cowbridge.

Adult fiction and non-fiction; young children's books and toys; good quality bric-a-brac, jigsaws, board games, LPs and 45 records, and CDs.

Tea and coffee available. Free entry.



Issy Kennedy from Pendoylan on Tino.



Bradley Gibbs leaps the Table on Pencader Supergirl.

A lament for miners of Senghenydd....

ON Monday, October 14, the people of Senghenydd in the Rhondda Valley commemorated the county's worst mining disaster in which 440 men lost their lives.

My father, who at that time lived in Trehafod, was one of the many men who volunteered to help.

Many years later, when I lived in

London, I was asked to give a talk to members of the group to which I belonged.

I had given several talks on various subjects, but wrote to my father and asked if he could give me an insight into life in the Rhondda Valley.

He sent me an account of the Senghenydd mine disaster and the difficult time the Rhondda people endured.

There is a song that I learnt in my child-

hood which I believe was written by a wandering minstrel, who on hearing of the Senghenydd disaster, composed the following:

A miner was leaving his home for his work when he heard his little child scream,

He ran to the side of his little girl's bed,

Oh Daddy, I have had such a dream – I dreamt that the mine was on fire,

The men all fought for their lives and then

the scene changed and the top of the mine was covered with sweet-hearts and wives.

Go tell my dream to your mates, for as true as the stars that shine,

Something is going to happen tonight, Oh Daddy, don't go down the mine.

I may add I have sung this song which has brought tears to the eyes of the listeners (the story and words, not my singing).

NANCY DAVIDGE

Scarecrow festival at Llantrithyd celebrates harvest

A VALE church held its second annual scarecrow festival as part of its harvest celebrations.

Many colourful, hand-made scarecrows were taken along to the festival at St Illtyd's Church in Llantrithyd on Sunday afternoon, as parishioners gathered for the seasonal service.

Rev Mark Dimond said: "We had lovely weather and we all had great fun once again."

"The idea for the festival came about through a desire to connect a little more with the community."

"We sang songs, such as Harvest Samba, shared cakes, and the children played a number of games, such as Musical Scarecrows."

"The festival was very well attended and we were really impressed with some of the scarecrows, as they were very well made."



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LOCAL PIANISTS TAKE STAGE AT THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE

TWELVE young pianists from the Vale of Glamorgan Suzuki Piano Group took to the stage at the iconic Wales Millennium Centre, as part of the European Piano Teachers' talent showcase.

Audiences were treated to a wide variety of music, ranging from complex Bach fugues, Mozart sonatas to well-known children's songs.

The young players gave highly accomplished performances to a large and appreciative audience, made all the more special by the



fantastic venue of the Glanfa stage. "All of the children played superbly, and I'm

immensely proud of them all, especially as for some of the children this was their first public performance," teacher Sue Bird commented.

Some of the group went on from the concert to London to represent Wales as part of the National Suzuki Graduation Concerts, which were held recently in Westminster.

CLAIRE BOURNE

ABOVE:
The 12 young pianists who entertained the audience at the Wales Millennium Centre, with teacher Sue Bird.

Second bus meeting called

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns has called another residents' meeting to discuss the ongoing issue of public transport in the Vale at St Peter's Church, Church Road, Rhose, on Friday, October 18, at 7pm.

Mr Cairns explained that many residents at Rhose had been unable to attend the earlier meeting: "I am hopeful that this new meeting will allow them an opportunity to speak with me and raise their concerns directly."

Burglar drove getaway car into police vehicle!

AFTER stealing a car during a burglary, a man reversed into a police vehicle which had parked behind him, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Liam Jones (21) claimed it was an accident, said prosecutor David Pugh at Cardiff Crown Court.

Jones, of Kingsland Crescent, Barry, admitted charges of burglary and aggravated vehicle taking, and was jailed for a year and disqualified from driving for a year.

He was warned by judge Eleri Rees: "If you commit another burglary, you will face a minimum prison term of three years."

She said it was not the value of what was taken that did harm, but the fact of having one's home violated by a stranger.

"The emotional harm is greater than the physical loss of property. The only appropriate sentence is custody. The way you are going, you are going to spend longer and longer in custody."

Prosecutor David Pugh said that Julie Powell and her husband were in bed at 2.30am at their home in Southsea Street, Barry.

She was awakened when a police officer knocked her door and

said the couple's Suzuki Swift had collided with a police car in Tynenydd Road.

Earlier, Jones had burgled the house and taken five sets of keys, a mobile phone and a handbag and contents.

The attention of the police was later drawn to the vehicle because its tyres were squealing. The police stopped behind Jones, who reversed into the police car, and attempted to run off.

"He didn't get very far, and he admitted the car was stolen. All the stolen property was recovered," said Mr Pugh.

Jones, the court heard, had convictions for 36 offences, including burglary, attempted burglary, causing criminal damage, taking a vehicle without consent, aggra-

vated vehicle taking, shoplifting, five for assault, possessing an offensive weapon, attempted theft and possessing drugs.

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, said: "There was no planning. At the time, he was staying with a friend nearby, and he has expressed remorse."

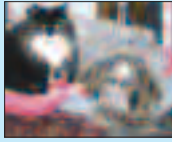
"In due course, he will learn the error of his ways and he is well aware of the seriousness of the situation."

Jones, said Mr Sharpe, had underlying problems with depression, drugs and alcohol.

"He is immature and vulnerable," he said.

Jones was ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £100, and was told by the judge: "Make the best use of what's available when you are in custody."

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Coun Burnett blasts back at 'inaccurate statements' from the Welsh Tory leader

THE South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, recently launched an attack on the Vale Council's cabinet member for regeneration, Coun Lis Burnett, citing lack of progress in three "key areas of her portfolio".

Mr Davies, who is leader of the Welsh Conservatives, seized on the issues of regeneration for Barry, public transport in the Vale and the St Athan enterprise zone – saying that it was "time to deliver for the Vale, or make way for someone new".

Speaking in plenary on Wednesday, September 25, Mr Davies asked the Local Government Minister to confirm what representations she had received from the Vale Council on funding for buses. He said the Minister had confirmed that she had received none.

Mr Davies said: "I wrote to Ms Burnett on August 6, to request a

meeting to discuss this issue and I am still awaiting a reply eight working weeks later.

"It is fair to say that the Vale Council has not been helped by Welsh Government cuts to grants, but they have now revealed cuts to their own budget for supported bus services.

"To make matters worse, it now appears that Coun Burnett hasn't bothered to request a meeting with officials at the Welsh Government to lobby for people of the Vale in getting some of this funding back."

He went on to accuse Coun Burnett of not holding any formal meetings since taking her cabinet post with members of the Enterprise Zone Board at St Athan, or with the responsible Welsh Government Minister.

He also attacked Coun Burnett over the fact that the Vale Council had failed to secure regeneration funding for Barry.

Mr Davies said: "These are arguably the three biggest issues affecting the regeneration portfolio today and on each she has failed to deliver."

Coun Lis Burnett responded: "I am astonished that the Leader of the Conservative Party in Wales is confused over Welsh Government cabinet portfolios.

"I feel most people would have expected him to know that the Minister for Local

Government is not responsible for transportation. That said, in her recent visit to Barry and the Vale, Lesley Griffiths was fully briefed on the regeneration of the Waterfront and the Eastern Promenade, the excellent work at Cadroxton House, and the multi-million development at Penarth Learning Centre.

"While she was with us, we also discussed the challenges facing the Vale, and transport was indeed raised. It was also raised with the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, when I met her at a recent visit to Cardiff Airport.

"Discussions with the Welsh Government are ongoing and I look forward to discussing the outcomes of our forthcoming public transport review with her in due course.

"I am also amazed that Mr Davies did not check the membership of the Welsh Government's Enterprise Zone Board, before making such sweeping and inaccurate statements.

"For information, I am not a member of the Board, but the Vale Council is represented by the Managing Director.

"It is disappointing that Mr Davies and his parliamentary colleague, Mr Cairns, continually seek to score political points by peddling inaccurate and inflammatory

information.

"Only last week, we saw criticism of the housing projections in the LDP, a topic I have answered fully in the media and at full council. There has been a suggestion by Mr Cairns that the six-week statuto-

ry consultation period for the LDP should be extended – but he knows only too well the six weeks period is a legal requirement and the time frame fixed.

"However, unlike the previous administration, we are providing brief-

ing sessions across the Vale to help people understand and make comments on a key document that will guide development of our county until 2026.

"I also note that Mr Davies has organised politically-motivated

public meetings and then inaccurately claimed that I had been invited, when I had not.

"This, I feel is also not acceptable behaviour for a person trusted with such a position of responsibility.

"The continuous flow

of inaccurate and misleading statements in the media does the people of Barry and the Vale a disservice.

"I look forward to an open and frank conversation with Mr Davies as soon as he is prepared to deal in facts."

Call for more burial land

Independent Barry councillor, Robert Bertin, is supporting calls for new burial land to be identified and included in the new Vale of Glamorgan LDP.

He says that as space is running out, the Vale Council must now make provision for new burial ground to stop burials having to take place out of county, and to help keep costs down.

Coun Bertin is suggesting that the Vale Council work with town and community councils to ensure that this happens.

Goings on in the garden!

ON October 9, Cowbridge U3A was entertained by Sheila Jewell on 'The Hidden Life of a Horticulturist'.

Despite our great age, we were unaware of the complexities of the activities that go on in our gardens and the countryside in general – from the prolific poppy to the lonely male monkey puzzle tree whose

female partners have been cut short in a street in the Rhondda.

We will look at the spring with renewed interest next year and wish the monkey puzzle tree better luck in the future!

Next meeting at the Town Hall, at 2pm on November 13 includes a talk on Highclere Castle by William Cross. Visitors welcome at £3.

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Man escapes jail after Maesteg pub pool cue attack

A POOL cue that was used as a weapon to strike a customer in a pub, snapped in half, so severe was the force used.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that the victim, security guard Paul Thomas, had a seven centimetre wound to the back of his head which required five stitches.

Dewi Phillips (24), an industrial roofer with no previous convictions, of Heol-y-Fedw, Cynmer, admitted a charge of wounding.

He was sentenced to

Report by AJ SICLUNA

nine months' imprisonment, suspended for a year, and ordered to pay £750 compensation to Mr Thomas, and £250 costs.

He was also put on an electronically-tagged curfew for four months from 8pm to 5am, and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £100.

Said Judge Eleri Rees: "The courts take a dim view of violence that breaks out in a public house."

She said that whatever Mr Thomas had done, he didn't deserve to be attacked with a pool cue

and suffered a very nasty injury.

"What avoids you going into custody is your lack of previous convictions."

Prosecutor David Pugh said that on October 20, Mr Thomas was in the Navigation pub in Maesteg with his son, brother and cousin.

He had just finished playing pool and turned away.

"As he did so, Phillips picked up a cue and in the words of a witness, 'smashed' the victim to the back of the head, causing the cue to snap in half."

Mr Thomas's son and another customer restrained Phillips. Mr Thomas was bleeding considerably and was treated at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

When interviewed, Phillips said: "No comment".

Mr Thomas later said the incident had affected him and he was unsettled by noise. He said he no longer went out drinking, doesn't socialise and feels confused and dreams about the attack. He also said

he didn't know why he was struck.

Phillips' counsel, Andrew Taylor, said the pub landlady said in a statement that Mr Thomas had "been looking for trouble" and had been bullying the defendant.

"Mr Thomas was by no means a shy and retiring rose, and was partly responsible for what happened. Custody would be devastating for Phillips."

Preservation group adds to its collection

THIS month sees the Cardiff

Transport Preservation Group get two additional vehicles to its expanding collection of classic and historic buses.

The preservationists are based at a 1930s former Western Welsh bus garage, known as The Bus Depot, in Barry.

They recently saw the arrival of a 32-year-old Tow Truck, a big ERF

machine suitable for towing buses, and an 18-year-old former service bus, both from Cardiff Bus.

Mike Taylor, chairman of the preservation group, said: "The bus is a very useful addition to our heritage bus collection. It is an 18-year-old Dennis Dart single deck Cardiff Bus with 41-seat Alexander Dash body-work that used to run locally in the city and here in Barry."

"This 1995 bus is an example of one of the more recent step-



The latest addition to the preserved vehicle collection.

entrance type vehicles, soon to be phased out of public service due to accessibility issues.

"More recently, this Cardiff Bus example has been used for some years as a training vehicle, so we are looking to restore it to an 'as delivered' condition. This will require a re-paint and fitting of a full set of seats,

as these were partly removed when it was used for training."

The Cardiff Dennis Dart will be added to the collection of preserved vehicles and will eventually form part of the runnable classic bus fleet. There are numerous Dennis Dart vehicles on the road today, but this early example has an usual Alexander Dash body and is one of only seven delivered to Cardiff Bus.

The Preservation Group see it as important to have a few of the 1990s vehicles to allow all generations of the public to appreciate how bus travel changes, as vehicles like this will soon not be in public service and they are preserving a piece of local transport history.

Mike added: "We also secured from Cardiff Bus an old tow truck, which had been out of use for three years. It represents part of the ancillary fleet vehicles that all bus companies used to own themselves before these jobs were contracted out."

Bus services review is welcomed by Vale AM

DURING an Assembly debate last week, Vale AM, Jane Hutt, raised concerns with Transport Minister, Edwina Hart AM, about the withdrawal of buses in the Vale.

She thanked the Minister for meeting her to discuss the adverse impact the loss of buses was having across the Vale, and asked the Minister if she agreed that the loss of buses was affecting access to employment and jobs, as well as social needs?

Edwina Hart replied that officials were meeting with officers of the South East Wales Transport

Alliance and Vale Council, to "review options and to evaluate the potential of re-instating services in Barry and the rural Vale".

She said she would report on its findings when the work has been completed.

The Transport Minister added: "Our funding and support of bus services and community transport schemes is likely to come under considerable pressure, but the important thing is to maintain access to key services even in these difficult times."

"I will be reviewing all issues around the help and assistance we give to bus services in Wales."

Ms Hutt said: "I welcome the commitment made by the

Transport Minister to review the impact of the loss of key bus routes and services across the Vale of Glamorgan.

"This review is being undertaken with the Vale Council and will take account of the adverse impacts that have been reported from across the County."

"I want to assure my constituents that I am submitting to the Minister and the Vale Council, all the evidence I have received, to assist them in this vital review."

"I will report back on the findings to all those who have contacted me and to the wider community that has been affected, including town and community councils!" Ms Hutt added.

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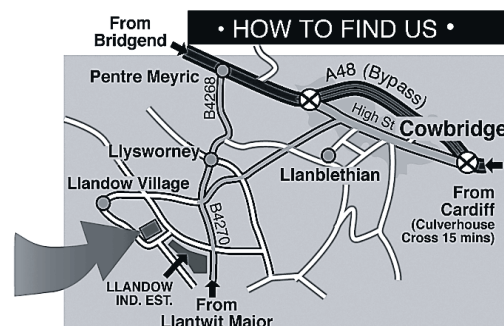
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Union 'galled' at the cost of council refit

LAST week, The GEM reported on how a £248,000 refit of the Vale Council chamber included £52,850 for 70 new chairs.

The cost of the chairs was confirmed by the council, after Coun Richard Bertin had been told by a Vale member of staff that the individual cost was £800 a chair – in fact, the average cost per chair was a little lower, at £755.

The council explained that a redesign of the chamber had been necessary because of disability legislation.

A spokeswoman pointed out: "The existing furniture was of a fixed nature and

could not be re-used in a flexible space; therefore, new, removable folding desks are to be used to allow the chamber to be multi-functional and increase its usage.

"A range of furniture types were assessed for their functionality, longevity, ease of use, appropriateness and value for money.

"The furniture selected was felt to best meet these requirements. The tables and chairs can easily be moved, to allow for much greater flexibility, which will enable maximum use of the space."

Coun Bertin said that since The GEM published the story, people had expressed surprise to him, even stopping him in Holton Road to

make the point.

"I find this amount of money is totally outrageous for chairs. It is so wrong to spend this amount of money when we are being forced to make cuts to services."

UNISON, the trade union, agreed with Coun Bertin.

Phil Carter, Vale union branch secretary, said: "Whilst UNISON completely understands and appreciates the need for the council chamber to be accessible to all, I do have serious concerns about the costs involved in this renovation."

"Local government workers are under increasing pressure and the situation is set to get far worse before there is even a glimmer of things

improving. The Welsh government have released their proposed budget and local government is going to be the biggest financial loser.

"We are going to feel that throughout the Vale, and I think the council will be hard pressed to explain why they have spent such an excessive amount on this refurbishment, when people are likely to experience the brunt of the cuts in the local services they access."

He added: "Many workers in the Vale aren't even receiving a living wage, and when you consider the amount spent on the renovation in those terms, it is pretty galling."

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Views across the Usk Valley to the Black Mountains

THE weather forecast changed for the better and upon their arrival at the peaceful village of Llangatock, which lies on the Brecon Monmouth canal, blue skies and sunshine gave the group of ten walkers, including leader Barrie, a great welcome.

By field, bridge and track, they began the gradual climb uphill, with brilliant views of the Llangatock escarpment high above them before joining what had been the lower tram road of the busy limestone quarries which operated there in the 19th century.

Across the beautiful Usk Valley, they enjoyed stunning views to the peaks of the Black Mountains filling the skyline above Crickhowell and Abergavenny, before climbing gradually to the hillside above Gilwern and the isolated pinnacle of limestone rock known as The Lonely Shepherd. They were left there as a monument by quarrymen.

After refreshments, they rounded the hillside and began a journey across boggy open moorland with no visible tracks to reach the 529-metre trig point of Twr Pen-cyn and clear views which included the central Beacons and the peaks at Llangorse.

The moorland, beneath which labyrinths of tunnels in the limestone are regularly accessed by experienced cavers, contains many deep shake holes formed when the ground gave way dropping into an

underground cavity.

Descending, the group joined the old Llangatock tram road and stopped overlooking the massive wooded cliffs of the nature reserve at Darren Cilau for lunch in warm sunshine.

Steep narrow paths through pretty woods led downhill before another climb to a road from where they dropped rapidly through fields and woods containing interesting fungi to reach the Brecon canal with its private moorings for houseboats and restored limekilns.

Following the quiet towpath back to Llangatock village, they passed the impressive 16th century Old Rectory Hotel, a beautiful converted country house, once the home of the Welsh poet, physician, philosopher and author Henry Vaughan, who came to a great love for Breconshire where he was brought up.

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JOY STRANGWARD

Where Spanish coins littered the beach..!

ON what could have passed for a warm spring day, the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers set off to the seaside, for an eight mile walk in the Gower.

Arriving at Rhossili, they enjoyed the view from the cliff top.

We made our way to the aptly named Spaniards Rock where we enjoyed our coffee break in the sunshine. With its precipitous cliffs and facing the Atlantic Ocean, it is not surprising that there have been many shipwrecks around the Gower Coast.

It is said that when one of these ships was exposed, Spanish coins were found littered along the beach, which led to people staking out claims, quarrelling and fighting. Today, there is a cottage that was reputedly built out of the loot, and can still be seen today in the local village.

Making our way on the headland, we followed the coast until we

came to Broughton caravan park, before making our way inland towards the village of Llangennith.

After lunch, we descended into the valley, only to start the climb up to the top of Rhossili Down.

Once on the top, the Sweeney's Howes can be seen some way off the track, this being two megalithic burial chambers, the interest to us today is in the name, Sweeney was the legendary founder of Swansea around 1,000 AD, Sweeney's ey, or island, there once having been an islet at the mouth of the River Tawe, being the origin of the name Swansea.

We made our way back down from the Down and into the village, to enjoy the hospitality of the local Worms Head Hotel.

Further information available from vale-of-glamorganramblers.co.uk.

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Llamau's thanks to the half marathon runners

LLAMAU would like to say a huge 'congratulations' to the 21 people who completed the Cardiff Half Marathon.

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"The money raised will go directly to supporting the most vulnerable people in our community, so I can assure you that all of that effort has been well worth it."

For more information about Llamau, our research or our services, please visit our website www.llamau.org.uk.

Commissioner seeks views on residential care

THE Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira, has officially launched her Residential Care Review into the quality of life and care of older people living in residential

care in Wales.

She is calling on older people across the Vale and Bridgend, as well as their friends and families, to share their experiences of residential care, which will be used alongside a range of other evidence to develop a series of recommendations for residential care providers and public bodies.

Sarah Rochira said: "The voices of older people, as well as those who care for and care about them, are at the heart of my work as Commissioner, which is why I want to hear about their experiences of residential care."

As part of the review, the Commissioner and her team will also be visiting around 100 residential homes across Wales, including care homes in every local authority area. She will be meeting with older people in the Vale and Bridgend to hear directly from them about their experiences.

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Beetle Drive

ON Friday, October 18 at 7pm, Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church is holding a Beetle Drive.

Admission £1 to

include light refreshments. Children free.

The entrance is at the junction of Aberystwyth Crescent and Trinity Street.

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale of Glamorgan AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Friday, October 18 from 4pm-5pm at Wick Village Hall, Church Street, Wick, CF71 7QF.

Brass band concert

TOMORROW (October 18), the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band will be presenting an 'Autumn Concert' in Dinas Powys Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

The 'Training Band' made up of mainly schoolchildren, have been practicing hard. A wide variety of music will be played at the concert. Admission charge £5 at the door, or from Dinas Powys Post Office.

On Tuesday, October 22 at 10.30 am, the coffee shop strollers (Cosmeston Hub) meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

Ward surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Buttrills and Court

wards, Barry, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 19 from 10am-11.30am in the meeting room of Barry Library Kings Square. No appointment is necessary.

Court surgery

COURT independent councillors Richard and Robert Bertin will hold their next regular drop-in advice surgery for residents of Court ward this Saturday, October 19, at the Barry YMCA in Court Road, Barry from 11am-12noon.

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, October 20, at 2.30pm, 'Moulton-eering!', starting at the Three Horsehoes car park, Moulton.

On Tuesday, October 22 at 10.30 am, the coffee shop strollers (Cosmeston Hub) meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

On Wednesday, October 23 at 10.30am, 'nature reserve', starting at the car park opposite the Blue Anchor pub, Aberthaw.

Free advice

PASSMORES Solicitors of Barry will be holding a free legal advice surgery at the Senior Health Shop, Barry on Monday, October 21, from 10am-12 midday. No

appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Free health check

AGE Connect Cardiff and Vale (formerly Age Concern Cardiff and Vale) holds a monthly free health check at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, on Wednesday, October 23, at 11.15am to 12 midday, for advice and information.

Contact 01446 732385 for further details.

Hospice benefit

THE Marie Curie hospice in Penarth will benefit from a Halloween fancy dress event at Barry Island Yacht Club from 7.30pm on October 26. Entry £5. Light refreshments, live bands and DJ. There will also be raffle prizes and games throughout the night for over-18s only.

Call 07779 241535 (Spencer Beard) or 07801 492393 (Robert Hunt).

Tickets can be collected from Le Panini, Holton Road, Barry, and The Back House, Barbour's Island Road, Barry.

Wick fayre

WICK and District Pensioners Club's autumn fayre takes place at Wick Village Hall, on October 26 at 2pm-4pm.

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St Athan car boot

A CAR boot sale will be held at St Athan Community Centre on Sunday, October 27, from 10am-1pm; £5 a table or car.

Barry gig

THE Locust Honey String Band, Chloe, Ariel and Meredith, play The Merend Club in Barry on Friday, November 1.

Bluegrass, old-time country, blues and folk from Asheville, North Carolina-based trio; support Blind River Scare. Tickets on 075561143114.

Neil Diamond charity night

THERE will be a Neil Diamond Tribute Night and Disco at Bridgend Rugby Club on Friday, November 1.

Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets £10 in advance/£15 at the door.

Contact Sue on 07861 698918; sue4marie@outlook.co.uk

Welsh Hearts

Welsh Hearts/Calonnau Cymru, the Heart Charity for Wales, is holding an autumn fayre on Saturday, November 2, from 11am to 3pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Stalls include a Christmas stall with cards and gifts, homemade cakes, plants, raffle. Free admission.

All proceeds go towards the charity's Hearts All Wales Defibrillator Appeal and funding emergency lifesaving equipment throughout Wales.

Band concert

THE prize-winning RAF St Athan Voluntary Band and the Morriston Orpheus choir are in concert at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre at 7.30pm.

Tickets (£10) are available from Chris Davies Estate Agents, Llantwit Major, or telephone 01446 798527 to reserve and collect on the door.

ROMILLY PUPILS RAISE OVER £1,300 FOR THE NSPCC



TWO weeks ago, pupils at Romilly Primary School set about collecting sponsors to raise money for the NSPCC.

The older children concentrated hard on completing a spelling test, while the younger children had to spot shapes in a picture that they decorated. How delighted was Mrs Sara Phillips, local representative of the NSPCC, to come into school on Friday and to find out that the children had raised over £1,300!

'Love to Sing' for St Donat's Church

'I LOVE to sing - but don't often get the chance', said one of the 100 or so people who joined the Colhughkelele Band and the Valhalla Musicians at an arts centre sing-along in February of this year.

So successful was the event that it is being repeated, with some new elements on Sunday, October 27, at 3pm in St Donat's Arts Centre.

'Love to Sing' will include popular songs from The Beatles, Mary Hopkin, Ralph McTell,

John Denver and many others.

In addition, original Celtic-style music from the Valhalla group will provide a creative musical contrast.

Funds raised from 'Love to Sing' will go to the upkeep of St Donat's ancient church.

Don't miss the opportunity for sharing in an old-fashioned community sing-along and some wonderful homegrown music!

Tickets at £5 (to include refreshments) are available from Nickleby's book shop in Llantwit Major or on the door.

Nursery fun day

A PIRATE-themed family fun day is to be held at St Iltyd's Day Nursery, Station Road, Llantwit Major, on Saturday, October 19, from 10am to 2pm.

There will be arts and crafts, games, face painting and refreshments and all are welcome.

For more details please contact 01446 790178 or email sidnursery@churchinwales.org.uk

Shorter cycle!

A UK premiere at St David's Hall on Friday, October 18, features music by Richard Wagner.

His monumental Ring cycle at this year's BBC Proms was a complete sell-out.

For those who couldn't contemplate 16 hours of opera, one of the world's leading conductors, Lorin Maazel, has devised 'The Ring Without Words', a piece that knits together the great orchestral sections of the Ring.

It lasts one hour - leaving out all the singing - and will be performed by Cardiff Philharmonic Orchestra.

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● £10: 366551; 642146; 774450; 673722; 293352; 123801; 151246; 772099; 756320;

196079; 797769; 843710; 331347; 228090; 110604; 394874; 143989; 639414; 513593; 144101; 267916; 265758; 409726; 418614; 631019; 204939; 203519; 483002; 219900; 616774; 106746; 155291; 711444.

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'Fitting tribute' to the courageous seafarers

THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, attended a short ceremony at Barry Waterfront when she unveiled a memorial anchor as a lasting tribute to the seafarers from Barry and the Vale.

The ceremony began with the Mayor welcoming everyone and saying: "We are here to remember all those seafarers who have given their lives in time of war in the cause of freedom and justice."

"This dock and the men of Barry played a major role in the war and it is wholly fitting there should be a memorial by the sea for us to acknowledge their contribution to their country."

"This memorial will be a lasting tribute to those seafarers from Barry and the rest of the Vale of Glamorgan."

The prayers and dedication were led by the Rev Duncan Ballantyne. Members of the Barry Branch of the Merchant Navy Association, Joe Norton and Peter Rees made the readings and its chairman, Jim Greenway,



laid a wreath.

Mr Greenway said: "On behalf of the Barry Branch of the Merchant Navy Association, I would like to thank the Vale Council, Associated British Ports, Trinity House, and A G Adams & Son for enabling this project to come to fruition."

"A special thanks must go to the local seafarer who donated the anchor. I am delighted that we have this fitting memorial on Barry Waterfront."



Council reaches out to the young

AS part of Local Democracy Week, the Vale Council is asking young people about the issues that affect them.

Local Democracy Week focuses on recruiting members onto the Vale Youth Forum charity that brings young people together to discuss issues that affect them and their represented schools and organisations.

As the AM for the

Vale and chair of the Vale Youth Forum, Jane Hutt: "The Vale Youth Forum provides great experiences and opportunities for young people to be involved and to make a positive contribution to their community and to personally benefit from the range of training and experiences on offer."

For more information email valeyouthforum@hotmail.co.uk or call 02920 701254.

'Councils will run out of money' a councillor warns

I AM writing to say just how concerned I am about the cuts to local authorities in Wales.

I really believe that many Welsh councils will run out of money or will go bust due to next year's Welsh Government budget cuts. This means in already difficult times the councils will be forced to make further cuts and I am really not sure how much further they can go

before there is a detrimental impact on our communities.

We are struggling as it is and this will only make matters really much worse.

The Welsh finance Minister, Jane Hutt, must think again and help save our Welsh Councils. It's not good for local democracy and Wales!

Coun Richard Bertin, Barry (Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council)



Mr and Mrs Greenway receive their £1,000 vouchers from chairman Mr Graham Nelson.

ONE lucky shopper is getting ready for a £1,000 spending spree after being picked as the winner in a competition to coincide with The Place for Homes' £1,000,000 refurbishment sale.

The company in Llandow, has undergone one of the biggest clearance events in its 47-year history.

It held a free prize draw as a way of thanking customers and a winner was picked out.

Mr and Mrs Greenway

of Pencoed were the winners and were presented with their vouchers by chairman, Mr Graham Nelson.

Mrs Greenway was thrilled to win the

£1,000: "I can't believe we won. The first piece of furniture I bought here was a buffet hutch back in 1972 and it was probably Mr Nelson who served me!"

Brecon Railway trip

THIRTY-FOUR members of the Friends and Neighbours' senior citizen group held their summer outing to Brecon and Cyfartha Castle including a trip on the Brecon Railway.

They enjoyed lunch in the Railway Restaurant, looked around the souvenir shop where many bought a keepsake to take home.

They visited Cyfartha Castle where they admired the architecture and wonderful decor, and also the decorative gardens.

The Vale gets extra Flying Start cash



ABOVE: Left to right - Vaughan Gething, Kathryn Clarke, early years and childcare manager at the Vale's Flying Start Centre, and Coun Chris Elmore.

THE Deputy Minister for Tackling Poverty, Vaughan Gething, visited the Flying Start Family Centre in Barry recently, to announce that additional grant funding will be made available to Flying Start initiatives across Wales.

The Flying Start programme offers eligible families free quality childcare for 2-3 year olds, parenting support, an intensive health visiting service and early language and play development support.

During the visit, the Deputy Minister said: "This new funding shows that despite the unprecedented squeeze on our budget, we remain committed to helping fami-

lies in our most deprived communities. Coun Chris Elmore, the Vale Council's cabinet member for children's services, commented:

"The Vale's Flying Start team do an excellent job in supporting local families, so the announcement of extra funding is great news. The Vale of visit".

Energy advice at the Senior Health Shop

ARE you a pensioner and looking for advice on ways to help save your energy bills and help with heating?

The NEST Welsh Government scheme will be at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, October 24 from 10am-12noon.

You may be entitled to home improvements insulation, new boiler etc.

No Appointment is needed, just come along and an energy advisor will be available to answer any questions and give advice.

Further information contact 01446 732385.

Are you suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)?

If you are experiencing upsetting thoughts, nightmares, flashbacks or are feeling unable to relax after a traumatic event, you could be suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

We need volunteers to take part in a study of a new online treatment for PTSD based on Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (TFCBT) and you could help us

The study will involve following an eight-week programme online with regular guidance from an experienced therapist. We will assess your symptoms before and after treatment

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Thank you

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Fun day for the forum at Llantwit



ABOVE: (left to right): Jane Weldon, executive 50+; Lynda Wallis, chairman 50+; Alun Cairns MP; Gill Thomas and Julian Roach executive, 50+.

Regional AM backs Guide Dogs Cymru

THE Lib-Dem regional AM for South Wales Central, Eluned Parrott, gave her support to Guide Dogs Cymru at an event at an event in Cardiff Castle.

Guide Dogs Cymru provides support and assistance for individuals with limited or no sight to enable them to go about everyday tasks that they rest of us takes for granted.

Eluned Parrott, said: "I was pleased to be able to show my support for Guide Dogs Cymru and to witness first-hand the incredible work that they do and I was even happier to be able to meet some of my constituents."

"Guide Dogs Cymru do a wonderful job in promoting and encouraging independent mobility and inclusion for all, especially in enabling people to go about the everyday tasks that the rest of us take for granted so often."

THE Vale 50+ Strategy Forum celebrated International Older People's Day on October 1 at Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club with a Wellbeing fun day event.

Members of the public were able to get information from a range of services including leisure, U3A, craft activities, welfare benefits, Action on Hearing, TeleV, etc.

There was also an opportunity to try Zumba, computers and pedal power. The forum was also entertained by the U3A Cowbridge

branch 'Singing for Pleasure' group with songs from South Pacific.

The forum would like to thank the stall holders, members who helped out on the day, and the public for attending.

Also special thanks to Vale MP Alun Cairns; Coun Neil Thomas, the Mayor of Penarth; and Coun Keith Geary and his wife, Mayor and Mayoress of Llantwit Major, for coming to support the event. JW

NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY

Varroa still the biggest threat

– but wasps also a problem

THE fine weather of late has certainly given the bees a boost and I am pleased to say a little honey has come my way.

Treating for Varroa is now being undertaken – not all colonies are receiving treatment as there is abundance of brood present in all stages, and nectar is still coming in.

This season is about a month behind and as a result, the times stated in bee literature for honey to come off and treatments to begin is not at all relevant.

Varroa are the biggest threat and their control has to be addressed. A new product is available, its format is Formic Acid soaked pads.

These are different from earlier Formic Acid applications as they can be used while honey supers are still on the hives.

So why am I not treating all of the colonies? Well, as it is a new formula, I do not wish to put all of my eggs in one basket so to speak.

The results from a couple of colonies will help me in my evaluation of this product and should it turn out egg-shaped, I will not lose all.

The name of this newest treatment is MAQ STRIPS. Translated to Mite Away Quick strips.

Varying the approach to mite control is sound sense. Over the years, several generations of miticide have been used but due to stipulated regulations being ignored, it has resulted in the mites developing resistance and, of course, a money-waster to the beekeeper.

Unfortunately, there are still many beekeepers that firmly believe that they do not have a Varroa problem. Consequently, little or no control is undertaken and there we have a ready

supply of mites and their associated problems waiting in the wings.

Quite apart from the Varroa, this year has produced an abundance of wasps and they are causing problems to the beekeeper.

Reports are coming in of colonies being lost to invasion by wasps. Why is this happening?

It is that time of the year when wasp colonies proceed to die out. This comes about because the queen wasp has finished laying eggs and there are no grubs (larvae) to be fed by the adults.

The grubs have a diet of meat (caterpillars eg). In return for this, they produce a sticky substance that is the diet of the adult wasps. The lack of their feedstuff means that a search is on by these adults to find a substitute and the contents of a beehive meet their requirements, as does your beer, jam, fruit of all kinds and anything remotely sweet and sticky.

Finding such resources means that they can live a few more days, before death overtakes them.

Although I have reduced the entrances to my hives, the wasps are very persistent and guard bees are very busy but not always victorious.

The shortening days mean that the bees and I are preparing for the winter to come. Will they survive? I will certainly assist them as best as I can and hope that the weather will not be too severe.

We can only hope that spring 2014 puts in an appearance and not be the disaster that occurred this year.

Being a beekeeper requires an optimistic outlook, plus the will to tackle all of the problems that are our lot at present.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

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Applicants will need to be first time buyers or consider themselves first time buyers in their own right and meet certain affordability criteria (including a minimum income requirement).

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FIREFIGHTERS PAY OUT MORE FOR PENSIONS

I WOULD like to answer some of the queries raised by the retired soldier in last week's letters page.

Firstly, Mr Watt is not a highly-paid union official, but a local official who also works for the fire and rescue service.

Secondly, he is acting on behalf of his members, after a national ballot where 80 per cent of the members voted for industrial action.

Lastly, which I think is the most important point, firefighters are paying more for their pensions, as much as 14 per cent of their salaries by the end of 2014 – only the police pay a similar contribution.

Whilst members of the fire service are not happy about this, they accept they have to contribute more towards their retirement.

They are not happy about the Government's proposal about fit-

ness tests, where, if a serving firefighter has 28 years' service and fails a fitness test, they could be sacked without their pension and have to wait until normal pension age, with little or no chance of re-employment.

I have the utmost respect for members of the armed forces, but please get your facts right before criticising members of a profession I was extremely proud to be a part of for over 31 years.

Mark Bell, Barry

Facts about the firefighters

IN answer to 'recently retired soldier' in last week's GEM. He might think he has a point when he says that firefighters have to work longer along with everyone else to help reduce the deficit. I certainly don't.

Now, I think it's safe to discount the likelihood of those who instigated the deficit, the average bankers, working longer; but how on earth does he expect a 60-year-old firefighter to go out climbing ladders into burning buildings?

Like a lot of ex-forces people in the same position (myself included) he makes great play of the fact that he's covered a fireman's job when asked – but the point is, he didn't do it for long, and I'd bet my shirt that he wasn't 60 years old.

He says that firefighters should try doing a soldier's job. I can tell you that most firemen are at least as fit and as capable as the average

soldier, they have to be, they, too, put their lives on the line when necessary. Soldiers and policemen don't do that at 60, why should a fireman?

He mentions pensions... does he know how much a fireman pays in pension contributions? A lot more than a soldier, believe me.

That's why they can, and should, have the ability to retire earlier than most.

I've heard it said that they can step back off the front line into a desk-based job when they are older. No, they can't – those jobs aren't available in any number.

All that would happen is that the firefighter would fail a fitness test or two, be dismissed on 'capability' grounds and then be penalised for having to take an early pension.

I would urge people to get some facts together before demeaning what he freely admits is 'a great and dangerous job.'

Gerwyn Thomas,

Llantwit Major.

Notice of Motion

I WAS surprised by the comment in the letter from Coun Bertin in last week's edition that the failure by the Vale Council to secure further Regeneration funding had resulted in the 'forcing' of a debate.

All that happened was that members moved a Notice of Motion, a procedure that is long-established and only requires a request from two members.

Perhaps in the future, Coun Bertin could find another member to support him in such a request.

It always puzzles me why more opposition members of the council don't use this procedure to 'force' debates on

important issues.

As far as I can recall during the four years of the Conservative administration between 2008 and 2012, there were only two such motions, both at the same meeting.

Both were requested by Labour members, one calling for the immediate restoration of the mobile library service. I'm not sure what was meant by immediate!

Gordon Kemp,

Llancarfan

'Barry has been disregarded'

I AM drawn to the comments of a letter in The GEM on October 10 headed 'Too Much Talk About Barry' (name and address supplied).

I believe the writer in question is totally misinformed and obviously quite out of touch with reality in this real world we all live in.

He or she has the audacity to exclaim that Barry received £10 million in regeneration money last year and that many other areas in the Vale, including Cowbridge, were the subject of neglect by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

I would like to point out that the regeneration money awarded to Barry was not £10 million but £9 million, most of which was wasted on hair-brained schemes such as the Thompson Street makeover which has, sadly, been revealed by the public as not fit for purpose.

However, in the same

period in time or thereabouts, a staggering £19 million was spent alone on a new school in Cowbridge, plus more money spent in the so-called neglected areas the writer pointed out in the Vale.

The misinformed writer should also recognise that Barry, being the largest town in Wales, has been the subject of total disregard by the Vale Council in recent times.

In Barry, we now have no cinema, very limited or almost no tourist accommodation, and many of our amenities have been totally destroyed or completely ignored; the Knap Lido being a typical example of the savage attitude by the council in recent years towards the once majestic town of Barry.

There are many other examples of decay allowed by previous administrations in our once proud town.

Barrie V Evans

(Group coordinator, Barry First Group/Barry Voice)

Mike's legacy

THOSE who attended the funeral of local sportsman Mike Ashton on October 9 in Barry, had been invited by Mike to make a donation to the Malarchi Pooncholai Trust.

The Barry-based charity runs a children's home in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Mike was a much-respected trustee of this charity.

I am pleased to say that the collection realised the sum of £293.01. This sum will maintain one of the 80 children in the home in food, clothing, education, medical care and overheads for two years and five months.

This result will be a most appropriate memorial to Mike. The Malarchi Pooncholai Trust was a cause very close to his heart. On behalf of all the trustees, I would like to thank everybody who contributed.

Douglas Baxter, Barry
(Treasurer, Malarchi Pooncholai Trust)

PRAISE FOR CAOS' PERFORMANCE

LAST Saturday evening, Cowbridge Operatic Society (CAOS) performed at Cowbridge Town Hall, with guest singers Toby Hunt and David Furnell.

There was a wide variety of music from Abba to Les Miserables, a fantastic evening was had by all. One member of the audience said that she had thoroughly enjoyed the

evening and was looking forward to their next event.

Anyone interested in joining CAOS should call 01446-713110 for more information. Michelle Rowland, St Athan

Three cheers for the National Health Service!

I RECENTLY had a hip operation at Llandough Hospital. I was in Ward 3 and I had the operation in Cavoc Ward.

After the operation, I woke up in Ward 3 and was put opposite the nurses' desk so they could see I was all right.

After having a new hip, you are not allowed to bend, but the next day you get out of bed with the nurse's help. She – or he – has to put your slippers on.

You are washed daily and have clean sheets daily. You have a cup of tea served to you and then the breakfast trolley comes along. We had a choice of porridge or cereals, and cooked breakfast.

I enjoy my food and I had a cooked breakfast and toast and marmalade every morning. The lady bringing the trolley around was lovely and greeted me with a smile.

The next trolley comes around with books, sweets and other things so you can buy (if you wish). I did the crossword puzzle, or I read.

With the use of my walker, a day or so later I was able to walk to the WC and back to my chair beside my bed – or the nurse helped me back into bed and took my slippers off.

After a day or so, I was moved up the ward because a new patient had a new knee or hip.

The tablets were

brought around daily and injections were administered. As I had had trouble with my first opera-

tion and my legs swelled up, I was given an injection in my tummy each day to make sure I didn't get a blood clot.

Well, I received all this for nothing. I have heard people say they paid their NI stamp all their working life for this care; but the amount they paid then doesn't cover the cost today for doctors, nurses, cleaners, cooks, food, maintenance men, and laundry workers.

I think the Government should give extra money to the hospitals and stop the cuts.

My husband's father was gassed in the first war. He had a saying "let them paddle their own canoe", and I am sure he would have said this now about the all the money given to other countries.

Yes, give money to aid other countries – but not so much. First, MPs should look after their own people.

I am sure the vast majority of the people working in the health service do their best, but they are human beings like us patients and they are overworked.

A nurse's job is no easy task – they are dealing with sickness and death every day of their working life and if they are not treated properly, they could become stressed or ill – and then who would care for us?

I say three cheers for the National Health Service and everyone who works for it.

Where would we be without them?
Margaret McParlin,
Dinas Powys

'We need to hang on to the green'

WITH reference to the Conservat

ive leader in the Senedd, Andrew RT Davies's remarks on the LDP, I would like to remind, or inform him, that Barry was originally made up of small villages, rural, green and mostly farmland.

Barry grew into the town it is, due to coal and the docks, and probably constituted highly to the wealth of the Vale of Glamorgan as a whole.

If he reads the proposed LDP, he will surely see that Barry Waterfront will be accommodating a fur-

ther 1,700 houses. We have also seen Pencoedre woods ripped apart for housing this year, as well as many other smaller developments.

He seems to think we should be upset that other areas are included in this plan.

Whilst I do not agree with some of the proposed sites, I believe Barry can no longer bear the brunt of being the building site of the Vale.

The docks are gone, the roads cannot deal with the volume of traffic and, ultimately, we would like to hang on to our green boundary. Selfish maybe, but hey ho!

Also, in response to 'name and address supplied', the Vale Council tax is worked out in bands, set by the value of the property.

If you are paying more than the people in Barry, you are lucky enough to live in a very valuable property. Sue Eldridge, Barry

The Welsh Government to tackle 'shocking' problem of fly-grazing

NEW legislation targeting those who deliberately fly graze their horses in Wales has been introduced to the National Assembly by Minister for Natural Resources and Food, Alun Davies.

The Control of Horses (Wales) Bill will provide all Welsh local authorities with identical powers to seize, impound, return to the owner, and, as a last resort, euthanise horses by humane means when they are on land without lawful consent.

Speaking about the legislation, the Minister said: "Fly grazing and the abandonment of horses and ponies has had a truly shocking impact on communities across parts of south Wales over the recent years. The Welsh Government is determined to take action to address this problem."

"We know that our current legislative framework does not allow the enforcement bodies to deal with the problem as comprehensively and robustly as we would wish."

"That is why I am introducing the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill which if passed by the Assembly will give all local authorities in Wales strengthened and uniform powers to work towards a fly grazing free Wales."

"This legislation promotes more responsible ownership and management of horses and allows for early and swift intervention when horses are abandoned or left on land without consent." The Minister also stated

ed how important it was that local authorities, charities, the Police and Welsh Government continue to work together as closely and effectively as they have been over recent months to stamp out fly grazing.

Lynn Cutress, chief executive at Redwings Horse Sanctuary, said: "Having seen first-hand the devastating impact of fly grazing in Wales, we are delighted that the Welsh Government has taken such decisive action on this problem."

"We hope the new Bill will strongly discourage horse owners from using such a disgraceful and illegal practice, which often has grave consequences for the horses involved."

Earlier this year, the Welsh Government consulted on the need for an all Wales legislative solution to fly grazing and received over 600 responses. The vast majority of those who responded were in favour of improved legislation.

Conservative regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, said: "My calls for action on fly grazing were repeatedly brushed off by the First Minister and the fact that it has come forward is testament to the relentless campaigning of charities, concerned members of the public and opposition politicians who have long recognised the gravity of the situation."

The Minister made a full statement to the National Assembly detailing his plans to tackle fly grazing on Tuesday, October 15.

Live band charity event

MURCHFIELD Community Centre in Dinas Powys is holding its first live band charity event on Saturday, October 26, at 8pm.

Victoria's Music Box will play pop hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s to raise funds for Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern.

Lead singer Vicky is a songwriter, guitarist and recording artist, who has appeared in the touring production of Jesus Christ Superstar.

Last year, the

Community Centre was refurbished and repainted. It is used by a number of community groups throughout the week as well as being home to the Community Cinema.

The next event will be a St Andrew's Night Whisky Tasting on November 30 (ticket only event).

Tickets for Victoria's Music Box, priced at £5 each, are available from DPVC office at the rear of the hall, The Parish Hall, Britway Road, or by calling 07765 513424.

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OCTOBER 26th-27th, 2013

‘WELCOME TO THE TENTH FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL!’

It has been my privilege to be the Chair of the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival for nine of its 10 years and I have watched it grow and develop each year.

It is very rewarding to know that the food festival is now regarded as one of the best festivals in Wales, both by the industry and by the producers and exhibitors, who are incredibly complimentary about their visits here each year.

Working closely with the committee and event manager, we start working on the next year's event almost immediately the last one finishes. A huge thank you to all our committee for their help in the

planning of this great event.

Again we welcome Waitrose and HSBC as our key sponsors – they have both been really supportive of our festival. To deliver the event costs over £60,000 each year, which is made up of corporate sponsorship, any funding received, as well as the gate and exhibition fees we receive.

Any surplus each year is put into guaranteeing the following year's event and developing the festival further.

This year, we are introducing a new marking system for gaining entry into the main marquee areas. People will obtain a wristband and throughout the town a number of establishments will be offering incentives and reductions for those wearing these bands – either over the weekend or over the next few weeks.

I am also pleased to report that many of the town's established businesses, as well as some new ones, are joining in the festivities by offering discounts, samples or other benefits to those wearing bands.

This will give visitors even more reason to visit the entire town.

The Park and Ride stops will again be the town centre X2 stops, which we hope will increase footfall in town shops, and encourage more traders to hold activities during the festival weekend.

Our aim has always been to build on the amazing food heritage of Cowbridge and the Vale and showcase this brilliant town, while supporting small producers in difficult times by broadening their audience over a great fun weekend.

BY JOHN DAVIES, CHAIR OF THE FESTIVAL

We select our exhibitors to give a wide choice of product, some of which you may not see every day.

Thank you again to all those who attend or help us over the weekend – marshalling, on the PA, organising activities to complement the festival, offering their car parks, and generally supporting the event each year.

We look forward to welcoming you on this, our 10th year and hopefully in the years to come.

Park and Ride

A FREE park and ride scheme will be in operation throughout the weekend (daytime only) and this year will drop you right in the heart of Cowbridge town centre – at the existing X2 bus stops.

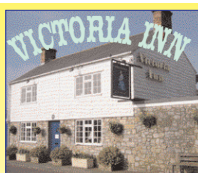
If travelling from the Bridgend direction, you will be directed by the lovely AA signs to the Llwynhelig Farm P&R site, where there is parking for over 300 vehicles.

From the Cardiff direction, you will be directed to the Cowbridge School Park and Ride site, where there is parking for over 200 vehicles.

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FRINGE FUN AT THE FESTIVAL

THE Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival Fringe will provide a showcase for new and smaller food producers, local crafters, makers and artists, sustainable enterprises, community talent, and will be a nice place to relax on what promises to be a busy weekend in Cowbridge.

A marquee for live music, talks, café and seating will be located in the Old Hall Gardens, with additional stalls in the grounds and college annexes, plus the entertainment zone put on by the Cowbridge Comprehensive pupils. Street food, wandering entertainers, a busking spot, mini golf and falcons on show will all add to the fringe atmosphere.

There will be plenty to see, do and enjoy for all the family; silver jewellery making workshops, stained glass making, willow weaving and clay pot throwing,

will be on-going in the artisans' hub.

There will be advice available on chicken keeping and community food growing.

Children will be kept busy by Play Aloud with parachute games and craft activities.

On the main stage on Saturday, Llansannor and Llanharry Primary School will sing at 10am, local melodic rock and covers band Orca play at 1pm, and Richard McCranor, guitarist, entertains at 3pm. Cowbridge Radio will broadcast live from the site with music and interviews.

At 4.30pm it's time to 'Meet the Buyers and Bloggers' local food buyers and writers will visit the new producers on the site, followed by live Q and A in the marquee at 5.30pm, to which all festival stallholders and the public are invited.

Local residents, visitors to the town, and all festival and town traders are invited to The 'Afters' Party and Saturday Night

Takeaway 6.30pm-8.30pm.
Jazz/folk trio Seafall will play, plus community singing and open-mic for local talent.

Bring your own food and drink, or both available on site. The cob oven – specially built for the food festival – will be lit for hot breads. Bring along a surplus cookbook for the book swap and be inspired by someone else's!

Sunday sees Stagecoach singing and dancing at 12.30pm, a Louisiana band at 1.30pm, cider-making talk from Llanblethian Orchard at 2.15pm, and a Community Foodie projects celebration and film showing at 3pm.

The food fringe festival has been organised by the HubCowbridge Community Network, and funded by Creative Rural Communities and Cywain – championing local and Welsh produce.

Full programme and more information can be found on the Hub website www.hubcowbridge.com

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FOOD DEMOS AND PLENTY OF FUN!

THE food demonstration area this year will be to the rear of Xantippe on North Road – directly opposite the main marquee site. Thanks so much to Sarah and John for the use of this brilliantly central site.

The schedule offers a wide variety of interesting and fun demos to suit all palates and levels of ability.

Attendance is free of charge, including any information sheets and tasters.

Saturday, October 26

10.15am: Sian Basset Roberts, Director of Ceginio (cooking in Welsh), will be cooking a trio of Welsh, French and Spanish biscuits.

Ceginio are producers of a series of Welsh Cooking DVDs and run a variety of Welsh food presentations and workshops.

This summer, Sian piloted some 'Make Bake Take' Welsh cooking workshops in St Fagans. Guests were able to make, bake and take home their own traditional, chocolate/orange or lemon/cinnamon welshcakes.

Sian organised Ceginio's first Food Safari for Maesteg WI. She also works in the media, and is currently one of the S4C voices, and news reader and continuity announcer for Radio Wales.

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12.45pm: Anand George, Purple Poppadom, Cardiff.

Award-winning chef, Anand George, is the driving force behind Purple Poppadom, Cardiff. From Kerala, India, Anand is one of the UK's most acclaimed chefs, renowned for his pioneering of Nouvelle Indian Cuisine – receiving awards, including the prestigious Tiffin Cup for the UK's Best Indian cuisine, and South Asian Chef of the Year.

Recently making a debut entry in The Good Food Guide 2014, Purple Poppadom was also named the Welsh Curry House of the Year 2012 and Indian Restaurant of the Year in the South Wales Echo Food and Drinks Awards 2013.

Enjoy the chef's demonstration of his Keralan mussel stir fry, spinach and lentil dal and chicken curry supreme.

See purplepoppadom.com.

2pm: Daniel James, Head Chef, The Vale Hotel

Daniel has held his challenging and rewarding position at the Vale Resort for four years, having previously worked in larger prestigious hotels in London, as well as smaller hotels in France and across the UK.

Daniel will be recreating the delicious goats cheese cheesecake, which appeared in the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival recipe book. Everyone could attempt this delicious starter from simple everyday ingredients.

Some elements can be prepared in advance, making this a great dinner party-pleaser and it can be adapted to put your own 'slant' on it.

See www.vale-hotel.com/Hotel/Dining.

3.15pm: Peter Harding, Yellow House Kitchen

The Yellow House Kitchen joined us last year with their delicious home-reared 'franks' amongst other things.

For 2013, Peter will be joining us in the demo

theatre to create the perfect hotdog with all the trimmings.

See www.yellowhousekitchen.co.uk.

Sunday, October 27

10.30am: Mike Hendry, Head Chef, Llansantffraed Court Hotel

Llansantffraed Court Hotel is situated near Abergavenny. Originally from Ayrshire, he began his career as a chef aged 21, and moved to Wales in 2003, after being offered a position at the Michelin-starred Crown at Whitebrook.

Mike was promoted through the brigade and was part of the team when the establishment was awarded a coveted Michelin Star in 2004.

He is passionate about using local produce from trusted Welsh suppliers and the hotel's own large kitchen garden.

He has transformed the hotel's dining room and celebration menus, which includes Cardigan Bay crab sable with crème fraîche, cucumber and apple.

See www.llch.co.uk.

12pm: Creative Rural Communities' Community Growing Project

Three participants in this amazing project will join the chef on stage to produce a starter, main and dessert. In the spirit of the Community Foodie concept, they will use fresh local ingredients – and where better to find this than at your community-growing project allotment, and seasonal produce from around the Vale.

1.30pm: Wayne Thomas, Canteen on Clifton Street

Wayne Thomas is co-chef and co-owner of Canteen on Clifton Street in Cardiff – a vegetarian restaurant that has taken the city by storm.

Since opening, Canteen has been nominated for numerous awards, including being shortlisted for the Vegetarian Society Award for Best Vegetarian Food in both 2008 and 2009.

See www.canteenoncliftonstreet.com.

3pm: Goldie, Samosa Co, Pontyclun

This brilliant family-run business has exhibited for several years, and this year will impart the knowledge of creating a delicious stuffed paratha.

See www.samosaco.co.uk.

THE COWBRIDGE FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL 2013

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Margaret Wilkinson, would like to wish everyone involved with The Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival a happy and successful weekend.



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Cob oven created at Old Hall Gardens



Last year's small temporary cob oven, built for the food festival fringe, was a great success, and will be rebuilt as a permanent community resource for Cowbridge.

A NEW resource for the community will be created ahead of the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival this weekend.

Join Nancy Evans in Old Hall Gardens from 10am-4pm outside annexe 3 to learn how to make cob, build a cob oven (a pizza-type oven that you could create in your own garden) build a fire and cook in it.

For drying purposes, the cob oven has to be built over two days – but participants are welcome to come along for part of the time, or just call by to find out more about it!

The cob oven will then be a resource for community groups, private gatherings etc.

The cob oven has been funded by Creative Rural Communities, so places are free, but are limited. The project has been kindly supported by The Cowbridge Charter Trust.

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SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO AT THE FESTIVAL

OVER the festival weekend there will be lots to see and do around the town. Many businesses hold their own promotions, and this is where we will be listing them as they are confirmed, so please keep looking.

This year, the Festival has introduced a new ticketing system with wristbands given to all paying guests. As well as making things more visible on the entrance this will also offer added value for the ticket price.

At the time of going to press offers include:

Free entry into Bijou.
Leisure Centre: Discounted classes and passes at local Leisure Centres.

Birds of Prey – discounts on picture orders

Robert Lloyd Optician – Complimentary glass of Champagne and a 10 per cent discount on eyewear valid October 26 – November 2 when wristband is produced.

Karma Beauty – 10 per cent discount on all treatments over the Festival weekend, to book a treatment go to www.karmabeauty.webs.com.

Sallywags – 10 per cent discount on all items bought over the festival weekend.

Quarter Penny – 10 per cent off all bills over £15 when wristband produced. Valid Monday to Friday from November 4-22.

Caffi Nia – One course lunch for two people including a soft drink or tea/coffee for £10 when wristband produced. Valid

Cowbridge activities

Monday to Friday from November 4-22.

An up-to-date list will be available at the ticket booths and each business will also display their offer/discount in their shop window.

There has been a general move-around of activities throughout town. Thanks to all those who have supported us in the past and who are supporting us this year with their land and buildings.

Real Ale Festival (The Vale of Glamorgan Inn)

THROUGHOUT the Festival weekend, The Vale will be offering a vast range of real ales, lagers and ciders. The event is as old as CFDF and continues to go from strength-to-strength, with marquees at the rear of the pub to accommodate the thirsty customers. Live music and food also on offer over the weekend.

Town Hall Museum
OPEN 11am-4pm on Saturday of the Festival – A collection of military and domestic artefacts, as well as the very eerie historical prison cells.

The Physic Garden
CREATED on the site of the old grammar school, to the rear of the Old Hall – this incredible space is maturing beautifully and worth a visit at all times of the year. Here you can see a recreation of the his-

torical garden with many plants thought to have a medicinal nature, as well as rare beauties such as cowslips.

Craft Fair in the Town Hall

CFDF welcome Craft Fairs Wales, the new organisers of this element. The craft fair this year will take place in the Town Hall and will be over two levels, in the main hall upstairs and the lesser hall downstairs. Trading times will be 10am-5pm on Saturday, and 10am-4pm on Sunday.

Admission to this event will be free of charge. There will be 31 locally-produced crafts, and we are pleased to say that there will be a large number of new exhibitors who have not featured at Cowbridge before. See www.craftfairs-wales.co.uk.

The Vale Forge

NEW to the festival this year, The Vale Forge is host to Rudy's Gourmet Pizza Van and Bar 44's Pop-in Tapas Bar, serving Spanish beers and sherry to complement their sumptuous tapas.

The Bear Hotel (01446 774814)

www.bearhotel.com

THE Bear Hotel will again be hosting an amazing, packed weekend of deliciousness. With daily wine tastings, pop-up restaurants, including Dim Sum and Oysters and much more, live music and culinary activities – this offers another exciting venue for foodie fun over the festival weekend.

WANDERING TROUBADOURS...

That's entertainment!

ROVING ENTERTAINERS – throughout the weekend, some great bands and entertainers will be wandering around Cowbridge and the festival sites to entertain the crowds.

There will also be performances scheduled throughout the day in the main marquee site and the Festival Fringe as well as 12pm-1.30pm in the Kids' Zone at Fun Foundations Day Nursery on the Saturday.

Fiddlebox: www.fiddlebox.net.

Jelly Roll Jones: <http://www.reverbnation.com/#!/JellyRollJones>.

Magician 4 U Entertainment:

<http://www.magician4u.co.uk>

Iron Eye: www.facebook.com/ironeyewales

Dandy Doodles: <http://www.dandy-doodles.co.uk/>

SHOWCASE AND A PLACE TO RELAX ALL THE FUN OF THE FRINGE!

AS a complement to the main event, the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival Fringe, organised by the HubCowbridge Community Network, provides a showcase for new and smaller food producers, local crafters, makers and artists, sustainable enterprises, community talent – and a nice place to relax on a busy weekend in Cowbridge.

Located in the Old Hall Gardens and college annexes will be the street food quarter, bread-making in the community cob oven, soup kitchen, micro-brewing, art and craft stalls, buskers and street entertainment.

Visit the artisans' hub for willow weaving, stained glass making, pottery throwing and silver jewellery workshops. Find out about urban chicken keeping, the RSPB, come and see the falcons or get involved in Play Aloud and mini-golf.

Enjoy a mug of tea and cake from the CommunityHub café, sit and watch local entertainment in the marquee – a full weekend line up that includes live music and talks, hosted by Cowbridge Radio.

Visit the Entertainment zone over the weekend of the festival to find plenty more for the children. There will be pocket money games for little ones,

face painting, five minute massages, cake decorating, a coconut shy, a pumpkin carving competition, and lots more!

Look out for the students who are running the zone; they will be in Hallowe'en fancy dress!

Special events on Saturday include Cowbridge Comprehensive school choir, children's food photography competition, Waitrose in the Community, local band Orca, 'Meet the Buyers, Bookers, Bloggers' Tour, and the 'After Party and Saturday Night Takeaway' – early evening music, food and fun for the local community, visitors and participants in the Food Festival.

On Sunday, Stagecoach will perform, and there will be a Community Foodie gathering.

For full details and timings, visit www.hubcowbridge.com.

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A look back at last year's Festival...



What's the Food Festival about? Well, we can all acquire some expert tips, but ultimately, it's about soaking up the atmosphere and having a great time, as Mike Wilcock's photographs from last year's event show only too well!



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THE FACE OF THE FESTIVAL!

PRESENTER and television personality Frances Donovan has hosted the foodie demonstrations at Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival since it began 10 years ago. The event celebrates its landmark anniversary next weekend.

In this interview, she looks back at her involvement with the festival.

Q Are you much of a foodie?

I love being involved in the chefs' demos but am actually worse than useless in the kitchen. The chefs at Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival

are all from such a mix of cuisines and disciplines, and although I don't know my blind baking from my blanching, I really enjoy all their demos.

I'm a foodie to the extent that I appreciate good food and I'm lucky that my husband is a great cook, and I also love going out to eat. I love great Welsh cooking, but I'm also pretty partial to Greek dishes.

The cheeses, olives and dolmades are my favourites, but Baklava is my weakness. On a recent trip to Kefalonia, I just couldn't get enough of it. Good Baklava is the food of the gods!

Q Which are some of your highlights from the festival's last 10 years?

I enjoy catching up

with the same chefs and seeing what they are now cooking, as well as being introduced to new ones. As I'm vegetarian, I love Wayne Thomas' demonstrations with Canteen on Clifton Street.

Another highlight one year was Massimo Bishop-Scotti from Zucchero in Pontyclun, making the most memorable, delicious pudding ever with salted caramel and chocolate, and talking about the puddings he created for M&S.

Massimo is exhibiting again this year and I can't wait to see what he has up his sleeve.

Q How has it changed during this time?

It's surprising how the festival has grown in terms of attendance



LEFT: Frances Donovan.

since the early days, but on the other hand, it's no surprise how it has evolved – when you think of all there is on offer there.

As well as the faithful locals, people travel from afar for the festival because of the great chefs, fantastic exhibitors and quality produce. Every year, I come to realise a little bit more just how good Welsh produce is.

It is great seeing people coming back year after year and that's down to festival organiser Polly Wilson, who ensures the event runs like clockwork.

The combination of cooking, produce, temperamental gas, thousands of people, hundreds of vehicles and the elements could see the event go completely pear-shaped – but it never happens and that's because of Polly and her fantastic team. She's like Boudicca with a walkie-talkie sweeping through Cowbridge!

Q Why is this such a special event?

For me, the festival marks that lovely sense

of the beginning of autumn, when it's getting cold, and you can pick up all sorts of goodies to take home to holt up with friends and enjoy over a glass of wine.

It has been a busy time for me with sports presenting for BBC Breakfast, BBC World and the news channel and working on football coverage for IMG.

I've also been recording ITV's monthly In Touch programme, which combines sport with conversation and so is right up my street. It has been pretty hectic, so I am really looking forward to Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival. It's always one I look forward to.

• Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival runs from 9.30am to 5.30pm next Saturday, October 26 and from 10am to 4pm on Sunday, October 27. Tickets are £5 for a day pass, £8 for a weekend pass and under-12s are free. Tickets can be purchased on the day. For more information, please see www.cowbridgefoodanddrink.org.

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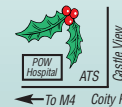
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with warmed ciabatta and butter
Galia Melon & Cured Parma Ham
with coulis of red berries

Grilled Welsh Goats Cheese and Marinated Beetroot
with rocket and warmed ciabatta

Mains

Slow Roasted Saddle of Turkey, Chestnut & Cranberry Stuffing
and Bacon Rolls

Roasted Loin of Pork and Baked Ham with mustard and
honey glaze

Oak Roasted Scottish Kiln Salmon & Loch Awe Langoustine
Hazel & Walnut Loaf with chunky tomato and sweet pepper
sauce, glazed melted mature Welsh Cheddar

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Food Festival - Diary at a glance

SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER

TIME:

9.30am-5.30pm
10am-4pm

10am-8pm
10am-5pm
10am-4pm
10am-5pm
10.15

10.30am-5.00pm
11am-11pm
11am-4pm

11.30am
12-1.30pm

12pm

12.00pm

12.30am

12.45pm

2pm

2pm

3pm

3.15pm

3.30pm

5.30-8.30pm

EVENT:

Festival and Cheese & Wine Marquees

Entertainment throughout the day

inc. music, magic & balloons

Champagne Marquee & Bar

Craft Fair

Face Painting

Festival Fringe – including kids' workshops!

Sian Basset Roberts, Coginio

Gourmet Garden Village

Real Ale Festival

Town Hall Museum

Zeb Barns & Oliver D King, WM Jerk Centre

Magic Show & Entertainment

Fiddlebox

Cup Cake Master Class by Sara

Wines of South Africa Tasting

Anand George – Purple Poppadom

Daniel James, The Vale Hotel

Wines of South Africa Tasting

Magic Show & Entertainment

Peter Harding, Yellow House Kitchen

Wines of South Africa Tasting

'Afters' Party

Info

North Road (Ticket Office & marquee)

North Road Marquee Site

Everyone welcome, North Rd

Free Entry, Town Hall & Lesser Hall

Kids' Zone, Fun Foundations

The Old Hall Annex & Gardens

Presented by Frances Donovan

Free Entry, Bear Hotel

Vale of Glamorgan Inn

Town Hall

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Kids' Zone, Fun Foundations

Festival Fringe/Ents Zone

Christopher Fielden, St Quentin Suite

Christopher Fielden, Bear Hotel Ballroom

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Festival Fringe/Ents Zone

SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER

TIME:

10am-4pm

10am-4pm

11am-4pm

10.30am

11am-4pm

11am-11pm

12pm-6pm

12pm

1.30pm

1.30pm

3pm

3pm

EVENT:

Festival and Cheese & Wine Marquees

Craft Fair

Entertainment throughout the day

inc. music, magic & balloons

Mike Hendry, Llansantffraed Court Hotel

Festival Fringe – including kids' workshops!

Real Ale Festival

Champagne Marquee & Bar

CRC Community Growing Project

Wayne Thomas, Canteen on Clifton St

Music from 'Ironeye'

Goldie, Samosa Co

Pumpkin Competition Judging

Info

North Road (Ticket Office & marquee)

Vale Forge, North Rd

North Road Marquee Site

Presented by Frances Donovan

The Old Hall Annex & Gardens

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Kids' Zone @ Lesser Town Hall

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Having a great time at the festival!

There is just so much to see and do at the Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink. New ways to cook food, new drinks to sample, and new tastes to savour.

As these photographs by Glyn Evans illustrate, the sights and sounds are many and varied. What's the best advice The GEM can offer? Starve yourself the day before, because there are so many delicious dishes you will want to try!



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THERE'S PLENTY TO DO FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AT THE FESTIVAL

THE Festival is a great foodie weekend for the whole family with delicious treats and things to try in the food marquees.

As well as The Kids' Zone, the Festival Fringe at Old Hall will have pocket-money games and activities, as well as workshops for all ages. Entertainers and magicians will meander through Cowbridge and the various sites.

Kids' Zone day nursery

THE Fun Foundations Day Nursery will be opening its doors on Saturday to offer an array of kiddy-friendly and family-focused activities and facilities.

There will be a buggy park for those able to do without, to ease your shopping in the festival, a discreet feeding area for Mums, as well as changing facilities.

A café will offer light refreshments and some local exhibitors offering their wares.

For the children, there will be activities and facepainting, tattoos and balloon bending, as well as some performances by travelling minstrels.

Kids' Zone scheduled activities:

Saturday: 10am-4pm, face painting with Dandy Doodles;

12pm-1.30pm, magic show and entertainment.

See www.funfoundationsdaynursery.co.uk.

Scarecrow trail

THIS year, Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival has gone even more Scarecrow mad! There will be over 30 locally-made scarecrows dotted around the whole town.

Free trail maps can be picked up over the Festival weekend from The Entertainment Zone, Liquorice Laces, Cakes for Celebrations and Oscars, with children being asked to vote for their favourite scarecrow, as well as a few questions on well known books and characters.

This year, the Scarecrows are themed to children's stories. To spot them all, you will have to look up high and look down low! And remember to vote for your favourite, to be in with a chance of a prize...

Champagne Marquee

THIS ever-popular feature of the festival runs for the entire weekend and is in a new location this year – situated just down the road in Vale Forge next to the main festival site.

The full bar serves Prosecco and a variety of Champagnes – as well as wines, beers, spirits and soft drinks. There will be live music and dancing all weekend from Aubrey and The Watchmen Band. Arrive early if you want to get a seat. Tapas and pizza will also be available. Entry is free to all on Saturday and Sunday.

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A Dinas Powys team.

A TEAM from Dinas Powys were the overall winners of the recent 'Mini Burn' event at Margam Park.

Father and son Jeremy and Hugo Holmes were joined by nephews Tom and Ben and, racing under the name 'Team Sherlock', they took the team title.

All the competitors completed a 3,000m run, a 1,000m kayak course, and 2,000m orienteering in the park grounds.

The winning team finished in one hour, 20

minutes.

The mini burn events encourage parents and their children to take part, and the youngest competitor was four-year-old Talar, and her sister Mali, aged eight, who are pupils at Ysgol St Curig, Barry. They ran with their parents, Ceri and Brian.

Mini burn events are organised by Multisport Wales, and the next event is the Cardiff Mini Burn at Llandaff Rowing Club on October 27.

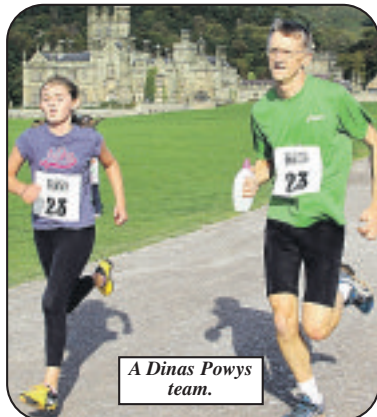
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ABOVE: A Bridgend team tackle the kayak



A team from Cowbridge.



A Dinas Powys team.

The Barry Bees are put to the sword

BARRY BEES under-11s entertained Llanishen RFC, in a re-run of the final of last week's Llantwit Major mini rugby festival.

Unfortunately the Bees were woefully off form, and Llanishen put them to the sword again.

The signs were ominous from the kick-off, as Llanishen moved the ball wide and scored a fine try, outflanking the Barry defence.

This was to be the story of the match, as the Bees lost their defensive structure, and could not contain a rampant Llanishen backline.

Before the Bees managed to gain any meaningful possession or territory, they were three tries down.

At last the Barry forwards began to get into the game, led by the indomitable Isaac McBride, who put in a herculean performance.

After a series of attacking phases, Isaac smashed his way through the Llanishen defence, to bring the Bees briefly back into the game.

However the problems out wide continued and Llanishen scored again to make the score 5-20 at the break.

The second half brought no respite for the battered Bees, and the pattern of the first-half continued.

Barry remained a potent force with ball in hand, albeit the Llanishen tackling was consistently robust; but out wide the visitors simply had too much firepower for Barry.

The Bees continued to battle and Cian Anderson scored a deserved try, after another surging attack, as the Bees went through the phases.

But the game finished as it started, with Llanishen continuing to exploit the lack of structure and commitment in the Barry defence, to make the final score 10-55.

This was without question the most disappointing performance from the Bees in the four years they have been playing together. Time is needed to address the defensive shortcomings.

Squad: Isaac McBride, Jacob Pereira, Charlie Bale, Ethan Watkins, Dylan Morris, Joe Davies, Stephen Williams, Cian Anderson, Rhys Lloyd, Cole Saunders, Robson Mallam, Joe Nationstead, James Campbell, Kie Scurlock. JM

THE WINNING TEAM FROM DINAS POWYS



ABOVE: Three teams of two from Maesteg.

ROMILLY PUPILS RAISE OVER £1,300 FOR NSPCC



TWO weeks ago, pupils at Romilly Primary School set about collecting sponsors to raise money for the NSPCC.

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How delighted was Mrs Sara Phillips, local representative of the NSPCC, to come into school on Friday and to find out that the children had raised over £1,300!

Where are the Wrens?

IN November 1993, the Women's Royal Naval Service ceased to exist when over 4,000 women then serving, were fully integrated into the Royal Navy.

Almost 5,000 former Wrens and many of today's RN women are members of the Association of Wrens; a charity existing to celebrate the past achievements of the Service, preserve its history and traditions, foster the esprit-de-corps and encourage serving RN women to benefit from the experience of former members of the WRNS.

The association also supports the Wrens Benevolent Trust which exists to benefit all Wrens who have fallen on hard times.

There are many branches of the association worldwide (I spent 34 years as a member of the Cape Town branch) and they hold regular meetings or just get together for lunch, tea or days out.

The camaraderie we all experienced when serving is preserved, memories exchanged and branches with serving women as members learn about the life and successes of the talented and dedicated women who currently serve.

If you are a former Wren or have served, or are serving in the Royal Navy, and wish to find out more, please contact me on 01633 810744. Mrs Dilys Beckett, Newport (Secretary, Cardiff Branch Association of Wrens)

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE?

Mr I Smellie and S Ransley – **Rexton House, Wine Street, Llantwit Major** – alteration and extension to existing dwelling.
Miss Catherine Simkiss – **6 Church Terrace, St Mary Church** – two-storey extension on north east elevation.
Mr Gareth Morgan – **3 Cattwg Cottages, Llancarfan** – extension to existing dwelling.
Mr Jonathan Lane – **Crescent Corner Newagents, 41 Park Crescent** – 3.8m x 2m hoarding advertising local business.
West Register (Property Investment) Ltd – **Land at Excelsior Road, Gabalfa, Cardiff** – erection of an A1 retail unit for the preparation, baking and retail sale of bread, flour, sugar and confectionery, cereal products,

fresh and delicatessen foods, ice cream, sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks, beverages, soups and other products, as might be sold from time to time in any other multiple bakery branch and a full take away service normally associated with the bakery trade.
ALDI Stores Limited – **Cardiff Bay Retail Park, Ferry Road, Grange town, Cardiff** – erection of single storey extension and external alteration of existing Class A1 food-store.
Dr Richard Davies – **25b Archer Road, Penarth** – new extension to side; front windows to be changed back to timber framed windows; front first floor window to be enlarged to match existing first floor window.
g2 Energy Renewable Development Ltd – **MB**

Jones Farm, Corn town – erection of a single wind turbine, with a maximum blade tip height of 77 metres, along with accompanying access track, crane handstanding, substation, associated underground cabling and temporary construction compound.
Mr Haydn Morgan – **Old Mill Cottage, Mill Road, Dinas Powys** – proposed new two-storey dormer bungalow with garage.
Mr John Williams – **Sealawns Hotel, Slon Lane, Ogmere by Sea** – construction of seven apartments, including car parking and landscaping.
Mr Mark Edwards – **Happy Jakes Touring Park, adjacent to 1 New Barn, Flemingston** – proposed extension providing 36 additional touring pitches, with 12 of

which to be the seasonal type.
Mr Tom Bennett – **41 Baron Road, Penarth** – demolition of existing garage to rear of property, replace with garden.
Demolition of lean-to 2. Demolition of lean-to 2. New two-storey extension to side of existing semi detached house.
New lean-to extension to rear of existing semi detached house.
Conversion of existing loft and construction of third floor, within loft space of new extension.
Form flat roof dormer to rear, at third floor, as part of loft works.
Mr Mark Haynes – **Rhws Primary School, Fontygary Road, Rhose** – replace like for like roof timber, ceiling boards and timber lintel.
Check condition of lead flashing over parameter wall for any replacement.
Existing covered roof lights to be removed and make good to roof boarding.

Ms Louise Cochrane – **Holly Cottage, Michaelston le Pit** – 01 Construction of new single storey sun lounge extension. 02 Removal of two windows on the ground floor of the existing cottage and replacement with French doors.
Mr Keith Glaister – **Church Farm, Welsh St Donats** – to demolish existing farmhouse, two storey barn, garage and rear annex (building structurally unsound); refer to Structural Engineer's details of design and access report). To construct new five-bedroom farmhouse to same location.
Mr Christopher Heffer – **2 Baron Close, Penarth** – double storey extension to the side and a single storey glazed roof extension to rear of the property.
Mr Philip Walker – **The**

Coach House, rear of 20 Plymouth Road, Barry – administrative office for building company operating from Coach House to rear of main building.
Mr William Edmunds – **2 Cosmeston Drive, Penarth** – conservatory.
Mr and Mrs Michael David – **Hen Dafarn, St Mary Hill, Bridgend** – construction of a wind turbine access track and new vehicular access.
Mrs Elizabeth Renwick – **Ty Mawr, Llanbethery** – construction of new house.
RWE Npower – **Aberthaw Power Station, The Leys, Aberthaw** – variation of conditions 11 and 12 attached to permission reference 2012/00506/FUL relating to transportation of ash.
Mr Hywel Samuels – **11 Ludlow Street, Penarth** – single storey extension to rear.
Ms Rachel Morgan – **16 Meliden Road, Penarth** – demolish existing garage to rear of property. Demolish existing lean-to single storey building to rear of house. Demolish existing lean-to conservatory to rear of house. Construct new single-storey flat roof extension to rear and side of property. Remodel existing hip roof to form new gable to roof. Construct new full width dormer to rear of property. Convert remainder of loft space.
Mr Matthew Phillips – **Palla Farm, Peterston super Ely** – redesign of existing agricultural storage building.
Peter Manchester – **Lime Kiln Cottage, Llanbethery** – f-fell or reduce Willow.
John S Smythe – **Kynance House, Mount**

Road, Dinas Powys – fell Cherry tree and Robinia Pseudacacia Frisia.
Mr James Davis – **Winterstream, Penllyn, Cowbridge** – erecting a greenhouse.
Mrs Summers – **1 Church Road, Penarth** – fell three conifers and one Cherry.
Mrs Evans – **Rockside, 41 Station Road, Dinas Powys** – crown lift one Beech and one Yew, also coppice Bay tree.
Lightsource SPV 76 Ltd – **Treguff Farm, St Mary Church, Cowbridge** – installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substation, communications building, fence and pole mounted security cameras for the life of the solar farm.
Argae Lane – **41a Highwalls Avenue, Dinas Powys** – floor porch and sun rooms, internal alterations.
Mrs Frances Butler – **Dinas Powys Community Council, Council Office, Parish Hall, 2 Britway Road, Dinas Powys** – remove two self seeded Sycamore trees on driveway at side Parish Hall.
Mr N Jefferies – **37 Dochdwy Road, Llandough** – conversion of existing side garage plus the addition of new storey above.
Mr Graham Still – **23 Cedar Way, Penarth** – two-storey extension to rear of property with single storey lean-to.
Ms Karen Ingram – **Unit 50, Vale Business Park, Llandow** – to change the use of the existing industrial unit from B1 to D2.
Mr Ian Symonds – **Mill Farm, Pen-y-Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – erection of single storey timber shed/store.
Mr Ken Shapley – **3 Cosmeston Cottages, Lavernock Road, Penarth** – new three-bedroom house (two storey) on side adjacent to 3 Cosmeston Cottage, Lavernock Road.
Professor Kim Graham – **114 Westbourne Road, Penarth** – demolition of existing single storey lean-to kitchen to rear, and construction of new single storey family room and utility park.
Mr Marcus Mulot – **RAOB, 58A Arcot Street, Penarth** – change of use from Social Club (closed) to single two-bedroom dwelling including demolition of single storey annex to provide external amenity space.
S Andrews and Son (Pwllheli) Ltd – **Britannia House, Penny Lane, Cowbridge** – proposed new external signage and replacement of old graphics design.
Mr Michael Kemp – **College Fields Nursing Home, College Fields Close, Barry** – three storey extension to the side of the existing building to provide a new kitchen facility, an eight-

person lift to all floors, eight ensuite bedrooms and two communal day rooms and to undercroft disabled parking spaces.
Ms Sally Knight – **13 Craig yr Eos Road, Ogmere by Sea** – demolition of existing outbuilding with material resulting from demolition works to be crushed and reused to raise garden level to existing finished floor level, external alterations to windows, doors and dormers with the provision of new access stops and internal modifications to existing dwelling.
Mr Jeet Sohal – **Blockbuster Video Express, 88-90 Holton Road, Barry** – planning application for the change of use of a video and games rental and sales shop (A1 use) to a mixed class coffee shop (A1/A3 use).
SCN Properties – **Unit 8, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry** – extension to workshop and associated offices by addition to further storey.
Windsor Terrace – **Penarth, E318636, N171717** – Trees.
Mr Nicholas Hegarty – **St Brides Court, St Brides Major, Bridgend** – erection of 5kW wind turbine on 15m tower following refusal of 2013/00450/FUL.
Redding Limited – **Adjacent exit/entrance, Cambrian Park, Culverhouse Cross** – fell Oak tree T3.
Mr Sam Nolan – **Glandwr, Beach Road, Sully** – Orangery style rear extension.
The National Trust – **Dyffryn Gardens, Dyffryn** – external alterations to roofscape and minor internal alterations at St Michaels Cottage.
Minor internal alterations at Long Acre Bothy to rehouse croquet club store. External landscaping as St Michaels and underground gas tank.
Miller Holdings (Wales) Ltd – **Land of Dinas Road, Caversham Park, Penarth** – erection of two three-bedroom bungalows.
Upper Boat Business Centre – **E317300, N170700** – with dormer roof, providing landscape and ancillary works at land off Dinas Road, Caversham Park, Penarth.
Mr and Mrs Gamlin – **Manor Piece, St Hilary** – remove two Conifers and two Eucalyptus trees.
Network Rail – **Barry Railway Station** – proposed demolition of brick building on Operational Railway Land.
Mr Ahmed – **Land north west of Bendrick Road, Barry** – approval of reserved matters relating to application number 2009/00019/OUT 14 two/three bedroom houses.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (WELSH ST DONATS PUBLIC FOOTPATH No12) TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER 2013

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:-

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location Welsh St Donats Public Footpath No 12, shall be closed from its South eastern most end at grid 302756 extending in a generally north-westerly direction for approximately 100m to grid 302675 176233

Alt. Route The diversion shall direct pedestrians along a temporary footway to the south-west of the closed footpath from ref 302756 176204 to grid ref 302675 176233 and visa-versa.

Reason To prevent danger, to pedestrians from an unsafe structure.

Duration From Monday 28th October 2013, for a maximum period of six months.

Dated this 17th day of October 2013
M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PORTKERRY ROAD (PART) AND PORT ROAD (PART) RHOOSE) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2013

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order, the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour between the locations specified in Schedule 2 below:

This order will override in part the existing speed restriction order known as "THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PORT ROAD (WEST) A4226 BARRY EXTENSION TO 40MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND NEW 50MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ORDER 2008)", while the appropriate signs are in place.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The section of Portkerry Road from its junction with Port Road (at grid 307241 167389) in a south easterly direction to a point 80m southeast of the junction at grid 307701 166914 adjacent to a property known as The Stables.
The section of Port Road from its junction with Portkerry Road (at grid 307241 167389) in a north easterly direction for a distance of 125m.

Reason: To allow the construction of a shared footway/cycleway on the north eastern side of Portkerry Road

Duration: From 06.00Hrs on Monday 28 October 2013, for a maximum period of 18 months. (It is expected that this work will take around 8 weeks to complete).

Dated this 17th day of October 2013
M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2013 GORCHYMYN (CYFYNGU CYFLYMDRA I 30 M.Y.A.) (DROS DRO) (RHAN O PORTKERRY ROAD A RHAN O PORT ROAD, Y RHWS)

Bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig), a phob p-er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn ymhen o leiaf saith niwrnod ar ôl dyddiad y Gorchymyn hwn y mae i effaith gyffredinol wedi'i disgrifio yn yr atodleni isod:

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru modur yn gyflymach na 30 milltir yr awr yn y manau a nodwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod:

Bydd y gorchymyn hwn yn rhannol ddrymu'r gorchymyn cyfyngu cyflymdra presennol a adwaenir fel "GORCHYMYN YMESTYN CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDRA 40 M.Y.A. A GORCHYMYN CYFYNGU CYFLYMDRA NEWYDD 50 M.Y.A. PRIFFORDD A4226 (GORLEWIN PORT ROAD), Y BARRI, CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2008)", tra bod yr arwyddion priodol yn eu lle.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Darn o Portkerry Road rhwng y gyffordd â Port Road (wrth gyfeirnod grid 307241 167389) a man (wrth gyfeirnod 307701 166914) sy'n 80 metr i'r de ddwyrain o'r gyffordd honno, ger eiddo a adwaenir fel 'The Stables'.

Darn o Port Road rhwng y gyffordd â Portkerry Road (wrth gyfeirnod grid 307241 167389) a man sy'n 125 metr i'r gogledd ddwyrain o'r gyffordd honno.

Rheswm: Darparu llwybr troed/seiclo cyfun ar ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol Portkerry Road.

Cyfnod: O 06.00 ar ddydd Llun 28 Hydref 2013 ymlaen am 18 mis yn

unig. (Mae disgwyl i'r gwaith gymryd rhyw 8 wythnos i'w gwblhau).

Dyddiedig 17 Hydref 2013.

M. E. Punter,
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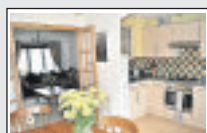
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TAE KWON DO PUPILS SHINE AT TOURNAMENT

RECENTLY, the Cadroxton School of Tae Kwon Do took a small group of young novices to compete in the last tournament of the Lordswood Tri Series held in Birmingham.

This group consisted of: Lucia and Thea Cunningham, Mason and Jessica Blackley, Cian and Maddison Allen, Cody Jacobsen and one experienced competitor Thomas Haysham. They all gave a good account of themselves competing against more experienced competitors and gained valuable experience for the future.

Competing in the Point and Continuous sparring categories both Cian Allen and Mason Blackley fought well both just missing out on a podium place this time around.

Although young Maddison Allen was competing against much bigger and more experienced opponents, she came away with a lot of credibility for her will to win and courage.

Having to step up a category Cody Jacobsen found that he was the smallest in a large group. He fought with a lot of heart and courage and is looking good for the future.

Lucia Cunningham just missed out on third place in the continuous sparring by two points,



ABOVE: Thomas Haysham, Cian Allen, Mason Blackley, Jessica Blackley, Maddison Allen, Cody Jacobsen Thea Cunningham and Lucia Cunningham.

and came away from the point sparring with a credible third.

Meanwhile, Jessica Blackley did the opposite, taking third in the continuous and just missing out in the point sparring.

As usual Thomas Haysham had to compete against bigger opponents, and did extremely well to come away with a third place in point and a third in the continuous sparring categories.

The club are now in full training for the European Championships being held in Jersey at the end of October.

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Who wants to build what, and where?

RWE Npower plc - Aberthaw Quarry, Aberthaw, Barry - Variation of condition 11 and 12 of planning permission reference 2012/00506/FUL relating to hours of operation within 500 metres of residential properties. Mr Mark Roach - 25 Hickman Road, Penarth - Erection of first floor extension to provide waiting area for existing dental practice. Mr Richard Gibb - Church Cottage, The Square, Colwinston - Reconstruction of a former pigsty outbuilding from original stone with pitched slate roof.

Mr Andrew Maclean - 5 Pwll y Myn Crescent, Peterston super Ely - Replace failing concrete render, maintaining original appearance of property. Apply exterior grade paint in a shade of white in keeping (retrospective). New front gate and metal archway, plus pebbled area to replace front lawn. Mr Peter Thomas - 22 Iltyd Avenue, Llantwit Major - First floor extension.

Mr C Rees - 12 Plassey Square, Penarth - Rear extension to existing garage.

Mr Neil Bainbridge - 8 Walston Close, Wenvoe - First floor rear extension. Mr David Pegg - 78 Castle Avenue, Penarth - New covered through walkway at side of extension for the storage of medical oxygen equipment. Works include new window in gable end of house. Mr and Mrs McHugh - Green Isaf, Wick - Removal of Sycamore. Tesco Stores Ltd - Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff - Identifying and directional signage to customer 'click and collect' pick up location within the Tesco store car park.

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Ford Motor Company (Bridgend) - Waterton Industrial Estate, Bridgend - Single 500kw wind turbine 79m high with associated infrastructure including foundations, hard-standing, landscaped bund and cabling.

Puppet master Andy entertains the Sully U3A

THE speaker at Sully U3A's October meeting was Andy Bradshaw, one of the proprietors of Hamptons, Penarth, and a professional puppeteer and bodysuit performer!

Andy went to the Welsh College of Music and Drama, now the RWCMD, with the intention of taking a degree and teaching drama.

However, he found his interest lay in theatre design. He became interested in puppeteering by accident, when he was asked to be the genie in Aladdin, which involved operating a puppet from high above the stage.

He went on to work on many television shows, including Spitting Image. Andy makes puppets as well as performing with them and brought along many heads made from resin, rubber latex and foam latex and glove and string puppets to demonstrate his talk.

Chairman Gill Mathias thanked Andy for such an entertaining talk and said his only complaint was that it did not go on for longer!

Sully U3A meets on the second Thursday of the month in The Old School, South Road, Sully. The next meeting will be on November 14 at 2pm. New members welcome.

SC

Cowbridge bridge club results

COWBRIDGE and District (Llanblethian) Bridge Club results for October 15 were as follows:

1st Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard 65.08 per cent, 2nd Anne Hughes and Teri Pollard 62.30, 3rd Judith Nunn and Ann Miller 59.52.

GR

Barrivale bridge club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club, October 8 - session 1 of the men's and ladies' pairs:

1st Mike Best & Mark Roderick 67.92 per cent; 2nd Denis Mottram & Mick Green 66.67; 3rd Peter Millar & Mike Close 62.5.

Diana Kendrick and Cynthia Luen won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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Winning debut for school debating team



Pictured, above, are William Durrant, Harriet Utley and Elliott Macneil (photo by Mike Walsh).

Cowbridge Comprehensive School's newly-formed debating society enjoyed an outstanding debut in the Welsh Schools Championships at Atlantic College.

Cowbridge was represented by William Durrant and Elliott Macneil, who proved to be very talented and impressive public speakers.

Competing against teams from all across Wales, they argued that sweatshop labour should be abolished.

Elliott Macneil won the regional outstanding individual debater award and has been invited to join the Welsh development team, with the chance to represent Wales at the World Championships in Thailand.

The full team includes Catrin Howells and Harriet Utley and the four were chosen after a careful selection process.

Inspired by their success, they will be leading the debating society and all pupils are invited to join. **KL**

Local pupils gain dentists' approval

DRAWINGS from St Brides Major Church in Wales, Brynmelyn, and Maes yr Haul primary schools, are among the winners of a competition organised by the Dental Public Health Unit at Cardiff Dental School, in conjunction with the British Dental Journal and the Designed to Smile programme.

Seven-year-olds Catherine Rowe (St Brides Major) and Tomos Hutchinson (Brynmelyn), along with eight-year-old Lewis Fitzpatrick (Maes yr Haul) were three of the 12 winners' drawings, picked from over 2,000 entries, and will feature on the front cover of the journal between July and December 2013.

The overall winner, five-year-old Thora from Ysgol Glan Morfa, Splott, Cardiff, was presented with her prize of books to the value of £100 and a copy of her work (as featured on the cover of the British Dental Journal) by Health Minister Mark Drakeford.

Her school received a cheque for £200.

Designed to Smile is a key component of the Welsh Government's national oral health



The picture drawn by Catherine Rowe (St Brides Major School).

improvement programme.

It is being run in 1,200 schools across Wales in areas of social and economic deprivation. Over 78,000 children are taking part.

"It's so important to develop good dental healthcare habits from a young age as they serve you well for life."

"This competition has been a great chance to remind children about keeping their teeth healthy."

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WALK ON THE WILD SIDE



St Athan Primary School year-5 pupils take a walk on the wild side as they are taken on a nature ramble.

CONSERVATION DAY FOR THE PUPILS AT NATURE RESERVE



...The classroom lesson for today... *biodiversity!*

St Athan Primary School year-5 pupils look at the biomechanics of animals that are found in their area with a little help from Dai Jones (left) and Amy Sherbourne (right) who work at the power station.

VOLUNTEERS helped tidy up East Aberthaw nature reserve recently in the annual conservation day.

As well as a litter collection on the beach, a water channel was cleared to encourage insects that will provide food for the birds that can be spotted throughout the year.

The reserve is owned by Aberthaw Power Station, which organised the event, and it is managed in partnership with the Wildlife Trust, who advise on the areas that need attention.

St Athan Primary School enjoyed a nature walk and classroom activity on the day, as part of the focus on keeping the important biodiversity area under control while maintaining its natural beauty.

The event was funded by the power station, with support from AN Supplies and Brandon Tool Hire, who donated a generator and toilets for the day.

Friends and family flock to enrolment



The Boys' Brigade, pictured on their enrolment night.

THE 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade Company had their annual enrolment service last Thursday, and it was wonderful to see such a fantastic turn-out, with members well supported by family and friends.

The Anchors and Juniors received their membership cards and following the service, the boys were dismissed outside the chapel (see photograph above).

Refreshments for family and friends were served in the church hall after the service, which was taken by Duncan Ballantyne, the Chaplain.

Two members of the Junior section, Ben

Havard and Thomas Ellis enjoyed the Junior adventure walk at Porthkerry Park.

The weather was kinder this year than last so less mud was involved!

Four members of the company section (Michael Ellis, Dylan Johnston, Morgan Edwards and Samuel Stewart) will be off to Bath on October 26, to represent 2nd Llantwit Major in the first round of the national Masterteam competition.

Good luck to them, and to the chess and table tennis teams, who are awaiting a date for their first rounds.

DEBBIE CHAPMAN,
Officer, 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade

Pupils raise £500 for Macmillan

THE Llanilltud Fawr Primary School Macmillan coffee morning proved a fantastic success, with everyone pulling together to raise an amazing £500 for the charity.

Aspokeswoman said: "The school council would like to thank everyone who donated cakes, allowing pupils and members of the public to be truly spoilt for choice."

"We are really proud to belong to such a caring school and community. A big thank you to everyone who donated on the day."



A pupil on the school's lollipop stall.

RHOOSE LIFE GUARDS DO SWELL!

A SMALL group of Rhose Lifeguards recently attended the annual Swell, beach ocean and water sports festival, which took place at Boscombe beach, Bournemouth, on September 28-29.

Rhose competitors were joined by athletes from three other popular paddle disciplines – Surf Ski (single and double), Stand up Paddle Board (SUP) and Board Paddling.

Saturday started with a 8k double ocean ski race, which was then followed by a knock out round of spec ski sprints.

The windy conditions and rough seas made for some challenging racing with Rhose competitors making it through to semi-finals in the sprints and the B final in the long distance race.

Sunday saw an improvement in weather and sea conditions, and the team from Rhose dominated the long distance open water swim.

This was followed by a board race, consisting of a 1.5k course for the younger competitors and a 3k course for the older ones. Again the team from Rhose dominated in all categories.

Special mention should go to Jai Gerrish, Ethan Wall and Kiera Harris who competed in the age 8-10 category of the board, having never paddled a distance event before and to Georgia Wall who competed in the SUP against the ladies.

Team captain Karen O'Donoghue-Harris said: "It was a brilliant way to finish off a successful season, lots of fun was had by all, it was a young team and they should all be very proud of their achievements."

Results:

Boys 13-19 Swim: first, Alex Parry. Girls 13-19 Swim: second, Kelsea Peterson; third, Ellie Peterson, fourth, Georgia Wall. Girls 11-13 Swim: first, Brooke Peterson. Masters Swim: second, Gareth Harris. Boys 8-10 Board: first, Jai Gerrish; second, Ethan Wall. Girls 8-10 Board: first, Kiera Harris. Girls 11-13 Board: second, Brooke Peterson. Boys 13-19 Board: second, Alex Parry. Girls 13-19 Board: first, Kelsea Peterson; third, Ellie Peterson; fifth, Georgia Wall. Masters Board: first, Karen O'Donoghue Harris; second, Michele Wall. Ladies SUP: First, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris; eighth, Georgia Wall. **JF**



Rhose Lifeguards.



The swimming team.

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The board paddlers.

Petanque open makes for thrilling competition

ON September 29, the Barn Petanque Club held its annual open triples competition.

As the playing area is limited, a total of eight teams contested this event, with participants coming to The Barn Petanque from as far afield as Cardiff, Wenvoe, Penarth, Barry, Caerleon, Pontypool, Llanhenock, Bristol and Hereford.

The morning was played in two pools of four teams, with timed games to ensure that all the players could take lunch together.

From the morning results the teams were ranked for their places in the Cup quarter-finals with the afternoon games not time limited. The four winning teams progressed to the Cup

semi-finals and the losing teams to the bowl semi-finals.

The four teams contesting the Cup were TPD, Les Gallois, Three Degrees North and The Extras, and the four teams contesting the bowl were The Raiders, The Three Stooges, Joanie 2 Jeffz and Barn's Wallace.

All the semi-finals were well contested games with TPD, players from The Barn, Cardiff and Bristol, and The Extras, a team from the Barn, progressing to the Cup final.

Les Gallois, a team from Penarth, and Three Degrees North, a team from Caerleon, played in the plate final; the other teams then played in the bowl and spoon finals.

After three ends in the Cup

final, The Extras were leading 4-1, then TPD took control of the game and progressed to a 13-4 victory.

By comparison, the plate final was a much closer game; the game was level pegging until Three Degrees North pulled ahead to win 13-10.

Barn's Wallace won the bowl final against the Raiders 13-3, and The Three Stooges beat Joanie 2 Jeffz 13-6 in the spoon final.

The Cup finalists and the plate winners each received a bottle of wine and the plate runners-up received chocolates. All the participants expressed their thanks to the organisers of the competition and also said they looked forward to the event being held next year.

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Another win for Dinas Powys RFC

RETURNING to league action after last week's friendly, the travelling contingent from Dinas Powys made the journey up the A470 to Treharris under the grey autumnal sky.

Dinas were boosted with the return of flanker Lewis Dunleavy, playing on permit from St Peters. The hosts kicked off and Dinas looked to gain territory early on.

A promising break saw the Villagers penetrate deep into the home teams 22 but the referee adjudged them to be off side and the penalty kick provided Treharris with the ideal opportunity to alleviate the pressure.

A spate of penalties was costing the home side dearly as they conceded possession and territory, and the Villagers soon found themselves with an opportunity to take a three point lead by way of a penalty goal attempt. Fortunately for Treharris the kick by Nick Coles was both short and wide, a let off for the home team.

The first try of the game came in the 19th minute. A lineout in the Treharris 22 was collected cleanly by Gaz Williams and a great pass from fly half Gavin Cooper put captain Dai Lloyd clean through for a run in under the posts. With the conversion all but a formality the score stood at 0-7.

A well worked break from the scrum nearly produced the second score of the game, but Cooper was penalised for accidental offside. Following excellent work from Dunleavy in the resulting scrum the

Villagers were awarded a penalty and Coles extended the lead to 0-10.

Treharris began to leak penalties and with the number of infringements mounting rapidly the official had little option but to yellow card the home fly half and the hosts found themselves down to 14 for 10 minutes. Nick Coles' successful penalty conversion saw salt added to the wound as Dinas pulled away, the score now 0-13.

Both sides traded penalties in a scrappy phase of the game, each trying to use the other's ill discipline to their advantage. It was Dinas that were able to capitalise as a missed clearance kick by Treharris was collected cleanly by James Smith.

The winger continued his excellent run of form and, using the space offered to him by the Treharris scrambling defensive line, ran to the corner for the game's third try. A difficult conversion was expertly taken by Nick Coles and as the ball bisected the sticks the score stretched to 0-20.

Treharris began to throw long passes in an effort to create space but a wayward pass found its way into the hands of James Smith. One click of the winger's heels and he was off, weaving his way mesmerically 90 metres through numerous defenders to score his second try under the posts. Coles' kick was good and the halftime score stood at 0-27.

The hosts were rewarded early on for their enterprise by way of an early try. However the conversion was missed and the score became 5-27.

Dinas went down to 13 men and Treharris scored their second try. This time the conversion was good and the margin closed to 15 points, 12-27, and Treharris soon added another unconverted try to make it 17-27.

The third try seemed to awaken the Villagers and Lewis Dunleavy used his predatory instincts and score the fourth try which was neatly converted by Coles, taking the score to 17-34.

With just minute of the match remaining the crowd sensed that this was the final nail in the coffin for the spirited comeback shown by Treharris.

Despite securing the bonus point captain Dai Lloyd was not satisfied and spurred his charges onto one final attack. It was only fitting that it was Dai himself who put the cherry on the cake with a sublime piece of play, as he deftly chipped the ball over the last defender before running onto the kindly bouncing ball and crashing over for the try. The conversion kick was the last of the game with Dinas running out comfortable winners with the final score a flattering 17-41.

The game had been a thoroughly bruising encounter with many of the players feeling exhausted as they left the field, yet the aches and pains were quickly forgotten as attention quickly returned to the well-being of Gareth Williams, who had been badly injured early on in proceedings.

Unfortunately the injury proved to be quite severe with the x-ray showing multiple fractures which will require surgery.

All at Dinas Powys RFC wish to extend their best wishes to Gaz and we hope to see him on the touchline soon as he is a valued member of the squad both on and off the field of play.

This Saturday, October 19, Dinas entertain Rhigos on the Common, 2.30pm kick off. If you can't make the match in person be sure to follow @dinaspowysrfc on Twitter for blow-by-blow match commentary.

JF

Cadoxton introduce new team



CADOXTON BARRY FC has another team this year, the under- 12s, playing in the VOG League.

Organizers Steve Doyle and Tommy Taylor would like to thank the Vale of Glamorgan Council for their grant and especially Darren Parry of Barry Trade Sales for his kind and generous sponsorship of the kit.

The club is to hold a social evening at Cadoxton Conservative club on Saturday, November 30, juniors and youth from 7pm; contact Steve on 07828641701 for further details. AP

A bad result for the Glamorgan Farmers

A familiar site for Vale residents over the last few weeks has been the sound and sight of combined harvesters working tirelessly in the fields to make sure breakfast cereals were produced for all to enjoy.

For those living near or visiting St Mellons Golf Club last Thursday, they would have witnessed threshing of a different kind with the sad sight of members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society being put through the mill by their so called friends from the Monmouthshire Farmers' Society.

This annual fixture which for the last 25 years has seen the farmers from the Vale build up a commanding overall lead has produced a few shock results but nothing like last week's resounding defeat by 22 points to 4 has ever been recorded.

Gwyn Thomas, captain of the Glamorgan Farmers', looked distraught shredding his well-rehearsed victory speech but thankfully composed himself in time to accept defeat gracefully although mention must be made that he and Godfrey Lewis, by winning the front nine, did scramble one point in their match against Peter Harris and Nick Hill.

Trevor Wooding, partnered by injury ravaged Bryan Owen, managed just half a point in their match against Ken Davies and Martin Ley while David Williams and Ray Thomas also managed to gain half a point in their match against Andy Hilditch and Martin Richardson.

Hopes of a Glamorgan comeback were raised with news filtering back to the clubhouse that Martyn Edwards and Clive Edwards were mangling their opponents John Anstey and Bill Thompson to produce three points for the shell shocked Vale farmers - but then disaster struck.

The previously unbeaten partnership of Clive Thomas and Tony

McCarthy lost their close match on the last green to Trevor Baker and Mike Williams, to be followed by Ray Howells and Mark Rees who suffered the same devastating nil return to John Duthie and John Morgan.

The much fancied pairing of Julian Kelly and Geraint Davies were blown apart by Jonathan Davies and Steve Waters to lose all three points, and a similar fate was achieved by Jim Hayes and Keith Gibson who lost heavily to veteran golfers Gwyn Jones and Jim Horner.

In the final match to return to the clubhouse, the buggy sharing partnership of Lyn Thomas and Aubrey Thomas again failed to collect anything from their match against the Monmouthshire captain Mike Daniel, partnered with Peter O'Toole, although Aubrey Thomas once again demonstrated his knack of getting a free drink when correctly guessing 46 balls would be lost on the day to collect a bottle of malt whisky that raised £80 for the nominated charity.

Monmouthshire Farmers also outscored the Vale Farmers on the par three holes with Ken Davies, John Anstey,

Gwyn Jones and Steve Waters collecting the nearest pin prizes before Martyn Edwards from The Vale Farmers' saved a complete white-wash with his magnificent shot into the 11th green.

To rub salt into the wounds of the Glamorgan Farmers', Bill Thompson of the Monmouthshire Farmers hit the longest drive on the selected hole to leave a forlorn group from the Vale to return home.

Credit must be given to our friends from Monmouthshire who quite obviously now have far more time to practice and prepare for their matches compared to the hard-working farmers from the Vale.

Hopefully the Vale Farmers' depression will have lifted in time to participate in the next society meeting scheduled for Thursday October 31, when members will be paying their first visit to Glyn Abbey Golf Club which is located next to Ffos Las Racecourse, Llanelli. Local NFU Mutual Insurance Group Secretaries Julian Kelly and David Harris are providing sponsorship of this meeting. TMC

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Evan's brilliant 'four-timer'

LANCARFA Evan Williams, who is the leading trainer at Ludlow Races, notched-up a brilliant four-timer at the Welsh border track last Wednesday with Ballyglasheen, Lava Lamp, Dark Spirit and On Tour.

The first named won the opening Juvenile Maiden Hurdle at odds of 4-1.

Then Lava Lamp, an 8-1 chance, beat stable mate De Faoithesdream in the Novices' Limited Handicap Chase and then bottom weighted 9-2 shot Dark Spirit took the Mares' Handicap Hurdle.

The four-timer was completed when On Tour, the 2-1 favourite, gave Evan his third win in four years in the closing Intermediate Open National Hunt Flat Race.

Adam Wedge was aboard Lava Lamp and

Dark Spirit and stable jockey Paul Moloney rode Ballyglasheen and On Tour.

Evan said: "Ludlow is a grand course with decent prize money and I target meetings. We've had a lot of luck here and it is a joy to come back."

However, Evan's day was marred when his Siberian Tiger broke a shoulder in the Handicap Chase and had to be put down.

TIM'S TOWCESTER DOUBLE VICTORY

ON the same day as Evan had his four-timer, Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan took just two horses to Towcester and won with both of them.

Oh My Mount Brown took the opening Novices' Handicap Hurdle, after being made the 11-4 favourite and his Safferano, an 8-1 chance, took the Handicap Hurdle.

Both horses were ridden by his 3lb claiming jockey Michael Byrne.

Charity golf day a success

SATURDAY, October 12, saw the second of Llancaf's annual charity golf days in aid of the Cerys Potter Foundation which was held at Cottrell Park Golf Club.

Golfers of all standards were thrown together in a Texas Scramble to see who would be champions and hold the bragging rights for the remaining 12 months.

There were a number of competitions throughout the day, Steve Vink won the nearest the pin, Sam Smith triumphed at

the longest drive (he must have added something extra in his porridge) and the winning 4 ball were John Millard, Jon Lovell, Martyn Hughes and Jim Barrett.

It was a close fought match with three teams coming in with the same score but John's team won on count-back with a birdie on the last securing the honours.

We'd like to thank the organisers Matt, Rich and John, and also to Cottrell Park for organising a fantastic event that brought together members of the community and raise £180 for a charity that is very close to our hearts.

MH

The Barry Atoms go on tour

LAST weekend the Barry Atoms were part of a momentous occasion for this young side. This was the first, and now hopefully not the last, time that we went go on tour!

We were gratefully hosted by Haverfordwest RFC. Lined up to play a couple of games, we arrived on a glorious autumnal Sunday morning.

We lined up to play Haverfordwest - the boys had sat patiently and watched them play a game earlier and had noticed that this was a tough physical side who possessed a good amount of technical ability, but also played the game fairly.

We kicked off and straight away they were in our faces, but this was not to be a day where we would be found wanting.

Our forwards started to dominate possession and it was not long

before our backs had the ball through crisp handling and wide play, culminating in a try through Daf Griffiths.

We then decided that this was not the day we were going to give any ground; we restricted their backs to gaining any kind of momentum and the team were pinned in their own half for large portions of this masterclass.

Through further outstanding rugby played by this ever-improving side, there were tries scored by Jacob Jones, Zac Fifield, Jack Norman, Jack Couch, Dylan Wall and Tom Mort. These tries, added to conversions by Griffiths, Fifield, Jones and Cai Macarthur, saw the Atoms run out winners, 49-0.

Next came a completely different type of prospect in the form of Neyland. This was a very different challenge to face the boys. This physical side wanted to play a different interpretation of the rules

but were shortchanged by our aggression in the tackle and defensive lineout.

We were sick in the first game but did not capitulate in the face of hard rugby. Our half backs had been calling the shots and had the boys lined up perfectly.

Tries through the very physical Rory Turner Robinson and pacey Jack Norman, with conversions by Griffiths and Fifield, saw the score finish up 14-0, and had the game not prematurely ended, I am sure we could have gone onto score more.

A big well done to all the players, including Jack Long, Iestyn Neale, Iestyn Escott, Rhys Rendell, Jack Reid and Connor Denbury, without whom the above named try scorers would not have scored.

Thanks go out to the Griffiths' for organising this perfect weekend.

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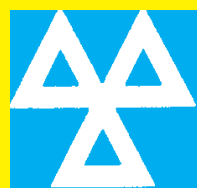


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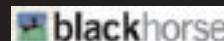
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GEM sport

Cowbridge 1st XV in loss to Abercwmboi

LAST Saturday Cowbridge 1st XV travelled into the Cynon Valley to take on Abercwmboi and lost 28-17.

Abercwmboi scored first with their scrum half putting over a penalty after nine minutes. From the kick off, there was some lovely counter attacking by full back Richie Howson and left wing Tom Zazlona.

There was a let off for Cowbridge at the midpoint when a kick down field saw Abercwmboi running it back through the middle of the defence and only a final pass into touch prevented a certain score.

Cowbridge got on the score sheet after 30 minutes as the ball was moved down the line. Howson made the extra man and put winger Jamie Picton-Tuberville clear for an unconverted try.

After 37 minutes there was a well deserved try for scrum half Tom James, after several phases of play and good forward drives from second row Steve Birchenhough and flanker Connor Wyatt. James found a gap in the defence to cross for a try converted by outside half Carwyn Morgan.

Aber put over a second penalty through their lively no 9 to bring a half time score of 6-12.

The second half was a repeat of the game last season, as Abercwmboi scored a further penalty and then a try through their second row to lead 16-12 after just 10 minutes.

Aber scored again 4 minutes later, after a kick was not gathered, the ball moved right for the wing to cross.

After 18 minutes, prop David Popham had to leave with an injury, Rhys Thomas deputised. There was some good counter attacking from both Howson and centre Alex Jones, but after further pressure Aber's prop crossed for a converted try.

Cowbridge's problems were compounded by prop Jon Phillips being forced off with an ankle injury, Alun John taking his place.

Just before the final whistle, James secured his second try to bring a final score 28-17.

This was a very disappointing result with few positives, plus the worry of two injured props. The team are better than this showing and need to work hard in readiness for this Saturday.

The youth had another superb win, beating Llangennech 41-07. Centre Nicky Griffiths scored the opening try after a barnstorming run by Harry Driscoll on the wing, finishing off a try which had gone through many hands and phases. Harry then scored almost immediately again from the kick off for a half time score of 15-0.

In the second half, full back Josh Thomas scored after Danish international John Nexmand gave him the scoring pass. The remaining scores were all about prop Sam Richards, who came on in the second half and carrying a number of injuries, scored three tries and converted each of them. Final score 41-7.

It was great to see Sam Woods, who played at hooker, and Rhys Elms, who came on to the wing in the second half, back in action. There was a controlled performance by Alex Guard at outside half.

This Saturday, the first XV have a hard game again Glyncoch at home, kick off 2:30pm. All support would be very welcome and much appreciated.

Finally, 60th birthday wishes go to Rob Vaughan. Rob, like his father, Vic, is a much-loved character with many friends in the club and also in the town, all of whom send their best wishes for his birthday today (October 17).

RK

COWBRIDGE JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

ON Sunday morning, Cowbridge under-13s hosted a touring team from Bromsgrove.

Before the game started, the Cowbridge team seemed a little daunted by the size of their counterparts, especially in the forwards.

Cowbridge were first out of the blocks, converting what they had been learning at training to match conditions.

Ioan Williams was feeding his forwards who were running some hard yards and completing phase after phase of good rugby.

The Bromsgrove team were well organised in defence and Cowbridge could not break through.

The game's opening try came from a Bromsgrove clearing kick from deep inside their own 22.

Sam Green, the Cowbridge left wing, gathered the ball just inside his own half and set off on a run across the pitch.

Using the full width of the first team pitch Green out-paced the whole back line of Bromsgrove to run in a remarkable solo effort.

Bromsgrove responded well and kept Cowbridge camped in their own 22 for the next 10 minutes. The Bromsgrove pack kept the ball tight and attempted to batter their way to the Cowbridge line.

However, as with last week, the Cowbridge defence was incredible and they were resolute in keeping the Bromsgrove team out.

A great turnover by Iestyn Fenn allowed Williams to clear his line. From the resulting lineout Cowbridge stole the ball, a number of strong runs from Luke Conner and Jack Little put Cowbridge into the Bromsgrove half for the first time in a while.

To clear their lines Bromsgrove once again made a clearing kick, this time collected by full back Max Rees.

Rees side stepped one and made a great off load to Jack Dixon the Cowbridge right winger. Dixon broke through a couple of tackles and side stepped the last defender for another great solo winger try. I Williams converted to make it Cowbridge 12, Bromsgrove 0.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first, with a forwards dominated battle.

The Cowbridge forwards stood up to the bigger Bromsgrove pack and managed to get their fair share of possession. The game flowed end to end, but with the weather deteriorating both teams' final passes kept going astray.

With the game entering its final stages, the Cowbridge number 8 Reuben Williams picked up the ball from the base of the scrum just inside his own half.

Williams powered past his opposite number and sidestepped the Bromsgrove left winger before showing his pace to make it to the corner just before the covering defence tackled him. I Williams converted to make the final score Cowbridge 19, Bromsgrove 0.

A big thank you to all the under-13s' parents for their support in ensuring Bromsgrove were hosted.

GJ

Cowbridge under-11s hosted Rumney RFC on a beautiful Sunday morning in front of a substantial crowd of parents and supporters.

It was clear from the start that Rumney were going to be a force to be reckoned with as Cowbridge's attacks were met with hard tackling and some fierce rucking, resulting in turnover ball often spilling to the opposition forwards.

The Cowbridge lads held fast though with some excellent forward play from McKinley Parsons, Rhys Williams and Lloyd Bennett, but in the first period, Cowbridge's team of strong individuals didn't quite gel as a unit at the tackle and

breakdown area, resulting in Rumney breaking away for two well worked tries.

The second period saw Cowbridge start with energy and coordination. Scrum half Jack Reilly saw his chance through an undefended blindside and broke straight from the scrum for Cowbridge's first try.

Both sides were up for a tough contest and the game had to be paused briefly after a Joe Marshman break was cut short by an accidental tip tackle, leaving the gazelle like winger crumpled on the floor.

Cowbridge fought hard, with a series of well worked phases and some creative play from Elis Greenwood and Harry Whittaker opened up an opportunity for Jake Williams to cross the line for Cowbridge's equaliser in the third and final period of play. However, Rumney managed to slip a third try in at the end to take the winning result back to Cardiff.

Squad: Thomas Connor, Sam Coates, McKinley Parsons, Joe Marshman, Gruff Ford, Robbie Hawkins, Charlie Locke, James Davies, Harri Howkins, James Gilvear, Matthew Gilvear, Harry Whittaker, Aled Leitch, Ellis Howell, Elisedd Greenwood, Lloyd Bennett, Jack reilly, Rhys Williams, David Harris, Jake Williams.

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This away trip to Rhiwbina saw Cowbridge under-10s light up the capital with some excellent running rugby and produced the biggest win of the season so far.

The match was played over a slightly longer format of 15 minute quarters and Cowbridge soon got into their stride moving the ball to their dangerous runners.

Once in space Cowbridge simply had too much pace for Rhiwbina side and the holes started to appear in the home defence. Akka Guwy was the first player on the score sheet followed by two tries from the elusive Harry Treharne.

This was followed by a powerful surging run from Lewys Robins that took him from the halfway line to whitewash. Akka Guwy added a second try thanks to some generosity from Ethan Francis who had crossed the line but decided to pass to his team mate.

The nippy Sam Payne darted over for a well taken try and a typical arching run from Finlay Sullivan saw him cross for Cowbridge's seventh try. The try scoring was backed up by some excellent ball carrying by Alfie Rees and Lewys Robins and great tackle counts from Harry Treharne, Akka Guwy and Will Ryan which resulted in Cowbridge not conceding in the quarter.

Cowbridge still looked to move the ball through the hands and it didn't take very long for the silky running skills of Ruben Davies to slice through the home defence.

This was supplemented by some good ball carrying from Sebastian Johns-Powell and Robbie Brown and Cowbridge added a second try from Will Ryan. Ruben Davies flirted with the touch line in scoring a long range try as Cowbridge notched their 10th try.

Rhiwbina finally breached the Cowbridge try line but this quarter ended with another Cowbridge try as Will Ryan added a second personal try in the quarter. As the halfway stage was reached, Cowbridge led by 11 tries to one.

Ball handling was a bit more difficult and the third quarter proved to be a much tighter affair. Rhiwbina scored two tries in this quarter but Cowbridge added three of their own.

Ruben Davies crossed the try line twice with some wonderful running skill and Robbie Brown broke away to score from just inside the home half.

Iolo Davies and Ollie Jones both carried the ball well in this quarter and a fine run from Will Harris almost produced another try. However, the highlight of the quarter was a wonderful covering tackle in the corner from Harry Treharne which saved a cer-

tain try.

The fourth quarter saw Cowbridge make a number of changes during the quarter and a little continuity was lost.

A well taken try was scored by Harry Treharne and to their credit Rhiwbina showed some heart in scoring two tries to edge this quarter. There were busy performances from Tom Brennan, Tom Collingridge, Ben Hardy and Finlay Ball and overall it was a convincing victory by 15 tries to 5.

Although Rhiwbina did not ask the same questions as Rumney had the previous week Cowbridge can be very pleased with this performance.

All the boys in the match day squad made contributions over the course of the game and the continuing excellent turnouts at training and on match days shows the boys are enjoying their rugby.

Squad: Ruben Davies, Tom Brennan, Alfie Rees, Sebastian Johns-Powell, Akka Guwy, Will Harris, Iolo Davies, Sam Payne, Ethan Francis, Lewys Robins, Tom Collingridge, Finlay Sullivan, Finlay Ball, Harry Treharne, Robbie Brown, Ben Hardy, Oliver Jones and Will Ryan.

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Cowbridge under-8s travelled to Rhiwbina in buoyant mood having defeated the same team the previous day, while providing the halftime entertainment for the crowd watching Cardiff play Newport at the Arms Park.

Team 1 got off to a comfortable start with a 4-2 victory, with tries coming from Henry Pugh after a period of pressure, followed by James Lord who spotted a gap in the Rhiwbina defence.

Two powerful runs from Harry New led to his two excellent tries, and there was some solid tagging from Will Brennan and Joe Funtek.

Team 1 then found themselves under the cosh during their second match, with Rhiwbina scoring three unanswered tries. Harry N and Joe Davies got them back into the match with tries after powerful runs and offloads from Sam Jackson and Ioan Phillips.

Trailing 5-2 at half time, the team then put on a barnstorming performance, with tries coming from Ioan Phillips who drove to the line after an excellent take, Jacob Robson after a slick run and James Lord who scored in the corner.

Joe Davies then took the ball in his own half and sprinted to the line to put Cowbridge ahead. However Rhiwbina quickly responded with two tries before man of the moment Harry New charged to the line to make the final score 7-7.

Team 2 lost their first match 5-3, with Rhiwbina proving adept at keeping the ball alive. The Cowbridge tries came from Osian Bruce after an arching run to the corner, Ned Rees who demonstrated his excellent support play and a fine weaving run from Ben Stephenson.

In their second match Team 2 got off to a flying start with Osian scoring in the corner after a switch with Sam Sheppard, followed by a hard won try from Ned. A reverse switch led to Sam scoring, followed by the ever present Ned who was on hand to score after a great run from Ben. Ned then scored to gain a well-deserved hat trick.

The lead looked unassailable but Rhiwbina got back into the game as a result of some lax defence. However Cowbridge claimed the victory with a score from Henry Davies in the corner and Sam Sheppard demonstrating some dainty footwork for the final try.

The final result was 7-4 to Cowbridge - two wins, one defeat and a draw, not a bad day at the office for the hardworking under-8s.

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Darts league round-up

ON Tuesday, October 8, last season's top two teams played each other with Llanharri coming out on top with a 6-3 win over the Edmondres B.

The other still unbeaten team, the Edmondres C, lost 4-5 to the Farmers Arms. The Highwayman Inn won 9-0 at the Star Inn, the Old Post Ladies lost 2-7 to the Hare and Hounds and the Cross

Inn were beaten 6-3 by the Edmondres A.

Present league standings, after three matches, are: Llanharri (22 points), Edmondres B (19), Edmondres C and Highwayman Inn (16); Farmers Arms and Hare and Hounds (15), Edmondres A (13), the Cross Inn (8), Old Post Ladies (2), The Star Inn (0).

Next week, Tuesday October 22, at the Farmers Arms, there is

the completion of the fours competition.

The first semi-final will see the Edmondres A (Steve Simonite, Cedric Simonite, Trevor Morgan, Lee Harding) play Llanharri (Morgan John, Michael Newble, Stephen Newton, Paul Newton) and in the other semi-final the Hare & Hounds (Simon Reader, John Izzard, Jon Williams, Rob McCaver) play the Edmondres B (Dai Thomas, Martin Thomas, Matt Pay, Jonathan Cheal, Tom Gingell), the winners then playing in the final.

All matches start at 8.30pm and spectators are welcome. Note, all teams can register new players until the New Year so if you wish to play darts this season get in touch.

For further information e-mail Paul at cwbridge@dartsgames.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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Aberthin's Tim lands Chepstow winner

HIDDEN IDENTITY, a seven-year-old bay mare by Beneficial, and trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, was a 14-1 winner of the handicap hurdle at Chepstow last Saturday.

Given a cracking ride by Aidan Coleman, Hidden Identity won by a neck from Open Day, who was ridden by the legendary AP McCoy.

Bargoed's Rob Williams, riding for his grandfather Bernard Llewellyn, also had plenty to smile about: Riding the 20-1 outsider Tijori, he beat the even-money favourite Berkeley Barron by a neck with 3 Potters Cross just a further head away in third place.

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